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Quayle in Manila

2 Yanks killed in Capas ambush

MANILA, Sept. 26, (AP): Suspected communist rebels killed two Americans today near a US military base shortly before US Vice President Dan Quayle arrived in the Philippines for a three-day visit, officials said.

Col. Florentino Amoraban, spokesman for the Philippine Constabulary in central Luzon, said six unidentified gunmen, believed to be members of the New People's Army, killed the two Americans at about 5 pm (0900 GMT) in Capas, about 60 miles (100 kilometres) north of Manila.

If the assailants were communists, it would be the second armed attack against Americans by the rebels since April, when guerrillas killed US Army Col. James "Nick" Rowe near the headquarters of the joint US military assistance group in Quezon City.

In Washington, the Defence Department said the victims today were civilian employees at Camp o'Donnell's US Air Force post, about 50 miles (80 kilometres) north of Manila.

A Defence Department spokesman said the names of the dead were being held until relatives could be notified. The spokesman would not speculate on whether the assailants were guerrillas.

Lt. Pepito Pimentel, station commander of the Capas police, said the two Americans were riding in a car that stopped as it approached a dump truck and a passenger jeep blocking the road. He said the occupants of the jeep jumped out and sprayed the Americans' car with semi-automatic weapons fire. The assailants then opened the car door and fired into the bodies of the Americans "like a finishing touch, or coup de grace," Pimentel said.

The Capas area is a longtime stronghold of the communist New People's Army, which has been fighting for 20 years to establish a Marxist state.

In October 1987, rebels killed three Americans in simultaneous attacks outside Clark Air Base, about 10 miles (15 kilometres) south of today's ambush site.

Earlier today, suspected communist rebels killed a captain from President Corazon Aquino's guard in an ambush about one mile (1.5 kilometres) southeast of where the President will meet with Quayle tomorrow.

Iran offers oil formula

GENEVA, Sept. 26, (Reuters): Iran made new proposals today to try to break Opec's stalemate over agreeing output quotas and thereby raising oil prices, an Iranian delegate to the organisation's ministerial meeting said.

The Iranian Oil Minister Chaharmahal Agazadeh favoured giving some of the 13 members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries bigger percentage rises on their assigned quotas than others — an idea that has hitherto met resistance.

Those getting special treatment would include Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, whose demands to sell more oil have stymied the Opec ministers' talks for four days.

For fear of flooding the market, Opec has not dared set a ceiling on its total output high enough to accommodate Kuwait and the UAE unless other members conceded part of their percentage market share.

The Iranian delegate said his minister proposed that other nations, but not Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Iran, would concede percentage share and give Kuwait and UAE disproportionate increases.

Opec ministers decided today to extend talks into a fifth day after Iran put up new ideas to end a deadlock.



Mitterrand (left) and the Amir (right) review the guard of honour at Orly airport. (Reuters wirephoto)

Riyadh denies accusing Iran

Kuwait ties sound: Fahd

KUWAIT, Sept. 26, (Agencies): King Fahd of Saudi Arabia said in a statement broadcast over state-run Riyadh Radio today that his country's relations with Kuwait remained sound, despite the recent execution of 16 Kuwaitis, convicted of involvement in a series of explosions in Islam's holy city of Makkah in July.

"No one can ever harm relations between the (Saudi) kingdom and Kuwait, or sow discord between the two sisterly states," King Fahd was quoted as saying while presiding over a session of the Saudi cabinet late yesterday.

"We are convinced that the government and the people of Kuwait are aware of the solid ties that bind Riyadh and Kuwait," the Saudi monarch said.

"Saudi Arabia's relations with its sisterly state of Kuwait is more stronger and more solid than attempts to sow discord between them," the Saudi Information Minister quoted Fahd as saying during the session.

The Saudi monarch said his government had not accused Iran of having any connection with the Makkah explosions which killed one Pakistani pilgrim and wounded 16 others.

"We have begun to hear unjustified accusations and statements by Iranian officials... Saudi Arabia has not accused Iran or any other state with having any connection with the bomb attacks (at Makkah)," Fahd was quoted as saying. He added that the investigations had been left to judicial authorities.

Fahd earlier pledged death by the sword to anyone who threatened Saudi Arabia's security, the monarch's second such warning in two days.

"The kingdom will not retreat as much as a hair's breadth from exacting hoodoo (God's punishment) on whoever tries to tamper with the sanctity of Islam's holiest shrines or tries to undermine security in the country," the King said.

"We will accept no blame in our quest to uphold justice. We will not heed the false propaganda campaigns," he said.

Saudi Arabia is governed by sharia, that prescribes beheading for convicted murderers and warring ahead of the Haj that it would not hesitate to enforce its law on anyone who attempts to disrupt the ritual.

ing a cabinet meeting, according to a statement by Information Minister Ali Al Shaer distributed by the official Saudi Press Agency.

The king was referring to the July 10 bomb blasts by activists at the height of the Muslim pilgrimage season in Makkah.

Saudi authorities said the bombs were planted by a group identified as Kuwaiti nationals. Al Shaer quoted Fahd as pointing out to his ministers that the executive authorities do not influence the Islamic courts, which handed down the death sentences.

"The executive authority's role is limited to carrying out sentences issued by the Sharia courts against convicted irrespective of their identity, leanings or kinship," Fahd told the cabinet.

Kuwait and Saudi Arabia are both members of the Gulf Co-operation Council, a six-nation defence and military alliance.

Saudi Arabia, which implements sharia, last year added sabotage and terrorism to its list of capital crimes and warned ahead of the Haj that it would not hesitate to enforce its law on anyone who attempts to disrupt the ritual.

March against mosque

Protest in Lyon

LYON, France, Sept. 26, (Reuters): Hundreds of demonstrators blocked the centre of Lyon with their cars yesterday to protest against plans to build a mosque in France's second largest city.

Local residents have been fighting the proposed mosque, expected to attract many of the city's north African immigrants among others, for the last 10 years.

Rightist Mayor Michel Noir sparked the latest protests by giving a French Muslim association permission to build the mosque.

He refused to meet the demonstrators' representatives, who were received instead by one of his deputies.

More than 135 vehicles crawled through the city centre and circled the town hall with their horns blaring for nearly an hour. Police intervened to break up several scuffles.



Deputy shot dead

TWO gunmen from the November 17 terrorist group shot and killed conservative New Democracy Party spokesman and Parliament deputy Pavlos Bakoyannis early on Tuesday.

The 54-year-old journalist-politician was shot six times in the head, chest.

Bakoyannis, a son-in-law of New Democracy leader Constantinos Mitsotakis, was taken to the Evangelismos Hospital, at the foot of the Lycabettus hill, where he died on the operating table half an hour after arrival.

Mitsotakis (left) and Bakoyannis seen in a file photo. (See Page 5)

Amir: Storm debt Bastille

Gulf peace unreal: Mitterrand

PARIS, Sept. 26, (Kuna): HH the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed, and his French host President Mitterrand expressed satisfaction over the existing strong relations between the two countries and called for urgent settlement of regional conflicts and solving of world problems.

In a speech during a banquet held in his honour at the Elysee Palace here last night, the Amir said he was honoured to find French appreciation for Kuwait, for him personally and for policies of Kuwait, which believes in progress, international co-operation and human rights.

After recalling his first visit to France 20 years ago, the Amir hailed President Mitterrand's struggle as a freedom fighter, an author and a prudent politician championing calls for massing efforts for building a better future for humanity.

The Amir said the ever-expanding relations between Kuwait and France in various fields of development, coupled with past and present experience, add to Kuwait's confidence in broadening bilateral co-operation.

Talking about the future in his capacity as chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, the Amir stressed the importance of positive and constructive dialogue between the Islamic and European civilizations.

"We want now to strengthen relations of friendship and co-existence on the basis of freedom of belief, co-operation and mutual respect," the Amir said in his speech.

The Amir thanked France for taking interest in Arab and Islamic heritage as demonstrated in the Paris-based Arab World Institute.

He pointed out fears of the smaller countries when the big powers unite and expressed hope that whatever grouping or unity takes place among the big powers it should be for the good of the whole world.

He said: "We remember that when the French Revolution was waged, it targeted the prominent symbol of tyranny — the Bastille fortress prison — and destroyed it."

"Tyrannies have symbols in every era, the Amir said and the international indebtedness is the Bastille of the present era. It is a joint responsibility to work together to break the chains of indebtedness. It is inhumane that people win their political freedom only to fall captives for debts."

The Amir, lamented the damage caused by man to this planet due to pollution and hectic competition for production.

Turning to regional issues, the Amir said one of these is the

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Mega-project will make valley a lake

KUWAIT, Sept. 26, (Reuters): Kuwait plans to turn a valley near the Iraqi border into a natural lake supplied with water for irrigation by its northern neighbour, HH the Amir said in remarks published today.

A Kuwaiti newspaper quoted the Amir as saying after ending an official visit to Baghdad yesterday that work on the project in the Umm Al Rimam area would begin in a few months.

Iraq agreed in February to supply Kuwait with 500 million gallons of water a day, of which 150 million is drinking water and the rest for irrigation.

Ortega due

Kuwait agrees to monitor poll

KUWAIT, Sept. 26, (AP): Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega is to visit Kuwait in October, acting premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed announced yesterday.

Sheikh Sabah was speaking to reporters after meeting a Nicaraguan presidential envoy, George Hallaq.

Hallaq in turn declared that Kuwait had agreed in principle to send a representative to take part in the international commission due to oversee general elections in Nicaragua next year.

Senate majority urges Baker to deny Arafat visa

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26, (Reuters): More than two-thirds of United States senators today urged Secretary of State James Baker to deny PLO leader Yasser Arafat a visa to address the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

A letter to Baker signed by 68 of the country's 100 senators said Arafat had failed to live up to a commitment he made last December to recognise Israel's right to exist and denounce terrorism.

"This is not the time for unearned concessions or rewards, such as reversing the current policy of denying a visa for Arafat to enter the United States, or elevating the PLO dialogue to higher levels," the letter said.

Last November Baker's predecessor George Shultz rejected a visa for Arafat to come to the United Nations to take part in a General Assembly debate on Palestine saying the PLO leader condoned terrorism. The debate was moved to the UN's European headquarters in Geneva.



Free at last

Dr. Elizabeth Morgan, who accused her ex-husband of sexually assaulting their daughter, waves to reporters after she was released from jail after 25 months. Morgan was jailed in Aug 1987. (Reuters wirephoto)

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3,500-foot fall

Alison Davis, 24, who survived a fall of 3,500 feet to the ground after her parachute failed to open properly at Bridlington, northern England. Doctors told Alison, who had fainted before hitting the ground, that losing consciousness had relaxed her body and turned her into a "rag doll" on impact. (Reuters wirephoto)

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NEWSWATCH

Jet crash

PESHAWAR, Sept. 26, (AP): A Pakistan Air Force jet crashed today into a house today as the pilot tried to turn it back to base, killing a child and injuring two other people on the ground, officials said.

A military statement said the pilot ejected safely.

An Air Force spokesman said the pilot, whom he did not name, was trying to return to Peshawar Air Force base after a technical problem developed aboard his Chinese-built, A-5 attack jet.

Toxic ship

ABU DHABI, Sept. 26, (AP): Speed boats and helicopters of the United Arab Emirates Coast Guard were reported today to be sweeping the Gulf waters for a Cypriot cargo vessel allegedly trying to dump a cargo of toxic industrial waste.

Local newspapers quoted Lieut Col Saif Al Shuaib, chief of the UAE Coast Guard as saying that a state of alert still prevailed in the region as a precaution against the 15,245-ton pro-American and the cargo that is considered dangerous for marine life and human beings.

Final snub

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 26, (Reuters): In a final snub from beyond the grave, the murdered father of Zola Budd has barred the South African-born athlete from his funeral.

Frank Budd gave instructions in his will, which was read today, that Zola and her two sisters should not be allowed to the graveside. (See also Page 4)

Radja barred

BOSTON, Sept. 26, (Reuters): A federal judge today barred Yugoslav basketball star Dino Radja from playing for the Boston Celtics, accusing the US team of "Contract Poaching."

Multi-party system

BUDAPEST, Sept. 26, (Reuters): Opposition deputies took their seats in the Hungarian Parliament for the first time in 42 years today and were presented with draft laws to turn the country into a multi-party democracy.

INTERNATIONAL

NEWS IN BRIEF

Illegitimate births: Official British figures have confirmed that more than a quarter of all births in the UK are now illegitimate.

The proportion has topped 25 per cent for the first time as thousands of British couples reject marriage as the foundation for their families.

The number of illegitimate births rose by 19,000 to 177,000 last year, an increase of 12 per cent.

The Office of Population and Census reported that births within marriage fell by almost 7,000 to 516,000 in 1988.

The total number of births was 693,000, a rise of 1.8 per cent compared with 1987. (Kuna)

Army to expand role: The Ministry of Defence announced yesterday it will open up 100 exclusively male jobs in the Royal Army Corps to women because a squeeze on recruitment may leave the posts unfilled.

Women will not be able to drive tanks or fire machine-guns in keeping with the armed services' policy barring women from direct combat roles, a ministry statement said. But they will be able to repair tanks, work on bomb disposal teams, and perform other jobs previously reserved for men.

There are 10,600 women in the Army, 6,600 in active service and 4,000 in the reserves. With the improved career opportunities the Army hopes to double those figures according to the statement.

The Army's measures will provide for better integration of women in regiments and corps which until now had been all male, the statement said. (AP)

Police probe: British police were investigating the cause of an explosion and fire today at a block of flats in south London.

So far no one is thought to have been hurt.

The blast severely damaged a maisonette in the area of Croydon, Surrey, and firemen are fighting "a very severe blaze" at the five-storey block, police added.

Gas and electricity board engineers have been called in.

Earlier reports said that several people were trapped but this is now believed not to be the case.

A police spokesman said the fire is being treated as "possibly suspicious".

He added that a man was seen running away from the scene shortly after the explosion. (Kuna)

Shoplifter charged: A man charged with shoplifting had 12 tonnes of books piled to the ceiling in most rooms of his house, an Adelaide court was told today.

Kenneth Sach, 59, was arrested at a city bookstore. Police used a truck to haul away his library worth \$300,000 (\$390,000 US).

Ferry fire Arson suspected

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 26, (AP): Police said today that a fire aboard a North Sea car and passenger ferry yesterday that killed two people may have been deliberately set.

The 182-metre (600-foot) Tor Scandinavia was on regular service to Harwich in England from Göteborg in Sweden with 650 passengers and crew when the fire broke out at dawn yesterday.

Police inspector Herluf Mogensen, head of the investigation said the fire started in a hall with linen closets, close to a staircase on a passenger deck in the bow.

The staircase leads up to the radio room. Mogensen said electric failure had been excluded as a cause of the blaze.

"Theoretically a cigarette could have been accidentally dropped in one of the 10 trolleys standing in the hall with linen, but the violent development of the fire indicates it was helped and that it was deliberately set," Mogensen said in an interview.

He said a crew member carried out a routine inspection 40 minutes before the fire started and found everything was normal.

Sach entered no plea and was remanded on bail to appear again on Oct. 18. (Reuters)

Gas explosion: A gas explosion has destroyed a nursery school and damaged an apartment block inhabited by Soviet soldiers. An unspecified number of people were killed, the official CTK news agency said yesterday.

The terse report said the explosion occurred early yesterday in Komarno, some 370 kilometres (230 miles) southeast of Prague.

"According to preliminary reports, casualties and injuries were registered," the agency said.

The cause of the explosion was under investigation, CTK reported.

According to Western estimates, some 80,000 Soviet troops are stationed in Czechoslovakia. (AP)

Bush popularity: US President George Bush is more popular than his recent predecessors were at the same stage of their presidencies, the New York Times reported today.

The newspaper, citing results of a poll it conducted jointly with CBS news, said 69 per cent of Americans approved of Bush's job performance

and eight per cent disapproved. Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan did not score as high in opinion polls eight months into their presidencies, the newspaper said. (Reuters)

Sharp Spear exercises: A mini-Spanish armada sailed into Portsmouth harbour alongside its British allies today, to participate in an international training exercise.

Nearly 1,300 Spanish sailors lined the decks of the aircraft carrier Principe de Asturias and two frigates, Asturias and Numancia, as the ships arrived at the Royal naval base 65 miles (105 km) southwest of London for the exercise codenamed Sharp Spear.

Sharp Spear, which involves 10 navies with 270 ships and submarines and more than 300 aircraft, is designed to assess Nato's ability to protect merchant convoys in wartime, the Navy said.

Although France and Spain are not part of Nato's military structure, they were invited to participate with eight Nato navies including the American and British navies. (AP)

Prisoners to hang: South Africa's prison service has told four prisoners they will be executed on Friday, but President F. W. de Klerk has reprieved another four, human rights lawyers said today.

The independent pressure group lawyers for human rights said Alfred Ndlela, 24, Naftan Mchunu, 25, Mangena Boesman, 36, and Jacobus Freeman, 30, have been told they will hang at dawn on Friday.

All four have been convicted in separate cases of murder charges.

Since his election as President last month, De Klerk has given clemency to seven death row prisoners, prompting expectations that he might limit the use of capital punishment. (Reuters)

Rebels kill 4 patients: Aze welding Mozambican rebels stormed a rural state clinic in neighbouring Zambia, killed four patients and wounded six others, then fled back into Mozambique, officials said today.

The killers were identified as guerrillas of the right-wing Mozambique National Resistance, the authorities said.

The gang first looted pharmaceuticals from the clinic near Nymba village in the Petanku district of southeast Zambia, 16 kilometres (10 miles) from Mozambique, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Then they stole food from nearby Lombwe and Chibwe government primary schools after assaulting teachers. (AP)

Probe into UTA crash

Traces of Semtex found

PARIS, Sept. 26, (AP): Investigators believe they have found traces of the powerful explosive Semtex in the wreckage of a French DC-10 airliner that exploded over the Niger desert, two French newspapers reported today.

In similar reports citing unidentified sources involved in the inquiry, the morning dailies Liberation and Le Parisien said the discovery strengthened the link between last week's UTA crash and the December 1988 bombing of Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

The news accounts said the presence of Semtex, a malleable and difficult to detect Czech-made explosive, still had to be confirmed by laboratory tests in Paris.

Liberation reported that the explosive may have been hidden in the middle of a shipment of farm chemicals loaded aboard the flight in Brazzaville, Congo, where it originated.

The plane disappeared less than an hour after takeoff following a stopover in N'Djamena, Chad. All 171 people

aboard were killed.

French investigators have said it appears certain that an "explosive substance" placed in a front cargo compartment caused the crash, but have not elaborated publicly on what explosive may have been used.

The parallels between last week's crash and the Dec. 21 Lockerbie disaster have already been widely noted.

It is widely believed that a radio-cassette player rigged to explode a charge of Semtex was placed aboard the Pan Am flight in Frankfurt, designed to explode only after takeoff following a stopover and change of planes in London.

Claims of responsibility for the UTA crash from anonymous callers in Beirut and London on behalf of the Muslim group Islamic Jihad and a previously unknown Chadian organisation have not been authenticated. French police appear to be treating the claims with great skepticism.

Male praises Indian stand

MALE, Maldives, Sept. 26, (Reuters): Maldives President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom said today he would not hesitate to ask India for military help again should foreign mercenaries attempt to invade his scattered archipelago and topple his government.

Gayoom said the last of the Indian troops who helped crush in a matter of hours an attempted takeover of the Maldives by Sri Lankan mercenaries would go home on November 3, the first anniversary of the aborted coup.

In an interview with Reuters, Gayoom, who has ruled the cluster of 1,196 coral islands in the Indian Ocean for 11 years, said India as the largest country in the region, with vast resources, was better placed to maintain peace and order and help small countries threatened by mercenaries.

"This is a fact we have to recognise," he said, adding India could do much to maintain peace and security in the region.

"I don't think India has any hegemonistic ambitions or designs in the region," he said. The Maldives in particular had nothing to fear from India, he added.

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi sent plane-loads of troops to the Maldives hours after Gayoom sent an urgent appeal for help on November 3 last year.

The majority of Indian troops returned home the next day.

Gayoom asked a small contingent to stay back to train and advise the Maldivian security forces in defence strategies.

The soft-spoken Gayoom, 52, said he asked a number of countries including Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Malaysia and Singapore for military assistance to crush the attempted takeover last year.

But India was better placed to offer immediate help.

Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew offered to send troops but cancelled it when he heard Indian troops were on their way, Gayoom said.

There was no need for a defence pact with India because India would always come to the help of the Maldives, he said, adding: "I see India's role in the region in a very positive light."

Gayoom said that in his recent talks in New Delhi with Rajiv, the Indian leader briefed him on the general elections Rajiv must call before the end of the year.



Ambushed

The body of a slain presidential security guard Capt. Carlos Dalleg is carried on a stretcher after he was ambushed by alleged communist rebels in Manila just hours before the arrival of US Vice-President Dan Quayle. (Reuters wirephoto)



Unwanted

Students, some wearing masks to protect themselves against tear gas, protest against US military bases in the Philippines at the start of the visit of US Vice-President Dan Quayle. (Reuters wirephoto)

Keeping harmony

Lee testifies

SINGAPORE, Sept. 26, (Kuna): Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew told a high court hearing today that his government was upholding the policy of keeping religion and politics apart which was practised by the British when they governed Singapore.

Giving evidence during his libel suit against the Hong Kong-based Far Eastern Economic Review news magazine, Lee said the policy had helped his government to govern more or less without too many riots.

He recounted the government's efforts to avoid a collision with the Catholic church in the light of United Front tactics employed by some priests after the detention of 16 people allegedly involved in a Marxist conspiracy in May 1987.

Lee told the court that one of the priests, Edgar de Souza, had appointed himself as a spokesman for the Catholic church.

He said that by issuing statements on behalf of the church, de Souza was trying to convert the government's action against the 16 detainees into a government action against the Catholic church.

Soon after the arrest of the 16 people on May 21, 1987, prayers and masses for the detainees were held and in one of these relatives of the detainees were invited to speak.

"It was a very emotional meeting," Lee said. There would have been a big row and six and a half per cent of Singapore's 2.6 million population (Catholics) would get extremely excited and agitated and so would Catholics all over the world, he added.

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40 killed as rebels asked to give up

COLOMBO, Sept. 26, (AP): At least 40 people were killed in separate clashes in central and southern Sri Lanka, officials said today, a day before the government's unilateral truce with Sinhalese militants.

The military officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they suspected that 30 of the victims were Sinhalese radicals or their supporters.

Police discovered 17 bodies in two villages in Kandy district, 90 kilometres (55 miles) northwest of Colombo. The other 13 bodies were found scattered in southern villages.

Government troops shot and killed six Sinhalese radicals in two separate incidents and arrested 297 suspected extremists, said a statement issued by the information department.

The statement also blamed Sinhalese militants for killing Sinhalese civilians, and military officials said three civilians were killed by the radicals in central Matla town.

All the deaths occurred since yesterday.

The bloodshed came a day before the government's scheduled ceasefire in central and southern Sri Lanka, which officials said they called unilaterally in an effort to bring peace in violence-wracked nation.

Air force helicopters today air-dropped 200,000 Sinhalese language leaflets in remote villages asking the radicals to give up arms and surrender.

"Take advantage of this opportunity and give yourself up," the leaflets said. "You will be warmly received and will be fully protected."

The radical People's Liberation Front has not responded to the offer.

Sinhalese militants contend the Sinhalese-dominated government offered too many concessions to Tamil insurgents, who have waged a bloody battle for a separate homeland in the north-east since 1983.

More than 5,000 people, most of them government officials and security personnel, have been killed since the Sinhalese uprising began two years ago.

Residents in Tamil-dominated Northeastern Province observed a token strike today called by Tamil militants in memory of the killing of a human rights activist.

Shops and offices were closed and traffic stayed off the roads to protest the killing of professor Rajani Pragasam last Thursday, residents contacted by telephone, said.

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Dhaka bus toll lowered to 33

DHAKA, Sept. 26, (AP): A crowded passenger bus plunged off a bridge into a river in southwestern Bangladesh yesterday, killing at least 33 people, police said.

Police chief Mohammad Ferdous of Manikganj, 40 kilometres (25 miles) southwest of Dhaka, said there were at least 11 people injured and 15 hospitalised.

The bus travelling from the northern town of Naogaon to Dhaka early yesterday when the accident occurred on a busy highway near the town of Manikganj.

Earlier authorities said 60 people had died in the accident. There was no explanation for the discrepancy.

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Kissinger called to testify in Hersh case

CHICAGO, Sept. 26, (UPI): A federal judge denied a motion yesterday to quash a subpoena for former secretary of state Henry Kissinger in the Seymour Hersh libel trial and asked that Kissinger appear in court this week.

"I am asking that Mr. Kissinger come in," US district judge Charles Norgle said late yesterday.

Norgle told Kissinger's Chicago attorney, Judson Miner, tell the former Nixon administration foreign policy chief, who was in Washington, to come to Chicago at his earliest convenience — today, if possible.

Hersh, a journalist



Dr Elizabeth Morgan clutches the arm of her fiancé, Paul Michel, after her release from jail (Reuters wire-photo).

Morgan: historic freedom at last

WASHINGTON Sept 26, (UPI) — Dr Elizabeth Morgan, imprisoned more than two years ago in a child custody battle intensified by charges of incest, was set free yesterday after what her attorneys call the longest civil contempt jailing in US history.

Morgan left the DC jail at about 8:30 pm, two days after President Bush signed a law specifically passed by Congress to end her landmark jailing, at the end of a day of legal wrangling that included a court motion by her former husband meant to keep her behind bars.

"It's a little hard to recognise freedom when you haven't had it in so long," said a smiling Morgan, holding the arm of her fiancé and a dozen yellow roses while standing outside the jail in a drizzling rain.

"I feel very happy and I feel very grateful for everyone who helped me. I will probably cry when I say this, but I want to thank God for sending so many angels," she said.

Morgan, still wearing her blaze-orange jail jumpsuit, said she spent her 760 days behind bars thinking of "my daughter and the people I love."

Child abuse
The district of Columbia court of appeals last evening ordered a DC superior court judge to sign Morgan's release form. Judge Geoffrey Alprin signed the order at 7:06 pm.

Morgan alleges her former husband, Dr Eric Foretich, sexually abused their young daughter, Hilary. She sent the child underground in August 1987 — rather than obey the order of superior court judge Herbert Dixon granting Foretich a two-week unsupervised visit with Hilary.

Morgan has steadfastly maintained she was prepared to remain in jail until Hilary was 18 and Foretich no longer had visitation rights.

Foretich, an oral surgeon from northern Virginia, denies the sexual abuse allegations and claims Morgan is insane.

Attorneys for Foretich yesterday filed court papers arguing that the new law designed to free Morgan is unconstitutional and sought to have her release blocked.

But in its ruling, the appeals court said the constitutionality of the law could be determined after Morgan's release.

"For the first time in two years the court take its time in deciding the constitutionality of an issue," joked attorney Stephen Sachs, who representation of Morgan has included an unsuccessful appeal to the Supreme Court.

Morgan's attorneys filed papers with the DC court of appeals on Saturday asking for her release after Bush signed the bill. The new law, passed by Congress last week, places a one-year limit on civil contempt imprisonments in child custody cases in the nation's capital.

Morgan spent 25 months in DC jail. Morgan, a plastic surgeon and author, was separated from Foretich shortly before Hilary was born. Neither parent has seen 7-year-old Hilary since Morgan entered the jail on Aug 28, 1987, after refusing to comply with judge Dixon's unsupervised-visit order.

Violation
Elaine Mittleman, an attorney for Foretich, asked the court to deny Morgan's release on the grounds that the law is unconstitutional because it violates the separation of powers doctrine — in this case, the separation of the judiciary from the executive branch of the US government.

Mittleman also said the law ignores the rights of Foretich and Hilary. Morgan has never been charged with a crime, and Sachs maintains she has been jailed longer than anyone in American history on such a civil contempt citation.

But Foretich, has called Morgan's jailing "the only tether we have on my daughter" and the sole hope he has of forcing his ex-wife to disclose Hilary's whereabouts.

Mittleman said yesterday she would ask a judge to order that Morgan's freedom restrict her movement to the district of Columbia, and that an active investigation begin to locate Hilary. Foretich believes Hilary is with Morgan's parents, possibly overseas.

Morgan last night refused to say where Hilary is located. But asked if she has heard from her only child, she said: "Yes, but I won't tell you how."

"If they're going to give Dr Morgan a break, they've got to give Hilary a break and go look for her," Mittleman said. "In our country, children shouldn't be taken off the face of the earth and never seen again."

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Woman survives 3,500 feet fall

LONDON, Sept 26, (Reuters) — A woman skydiver plunged 3,500 feet (1,100 metres) when her parachute failed to open — but survived because she fainted before hitting the ground.

Doctors told Alison Davis, 24, that losing consciousness had relaxed her body, turning her into a "rag doll". Had her body been rigid, she would have died on impact.

Alison, nursing a fractured pelvis, jaw and shoulder, said she panicked when she looked up and saw her parachute cables had twisted.

"I just blacked out and can't remember the moment I hit the ground," she told today's Daily Mail newspaper.

BEVERLY HILLS, California: Singer Pat Boone broke his jaw in a fall from a bicycle. He should be out of the hospital within a few days, authorities said.

Boone, 55, was hurt Saturday evening when the front tire of his bicycle hit a grating and caused him to lose control, said police Lieut Miles Lee.

He was in good condition at Ucla Medical Centre, being treated for the jaw injury and a cut above his right eye, hospital spokesman Richard Elbaum said Sunday.

Boone enjoyed a series of hits during the 1950s, among them "Let's Dance", "Tutti Frutti", "Love Letters in the Sand" and "April Love".

NEW YORK: Richard Nixon doesn't like the idea of someone making a television show about him. Nixon's people have been writing threatening letters to ABC, which will air a three-hour adaptation of the Bob Woodward-Carl Bernstein book "The Final Days" on Oct 29, and to ATN, which will sponsor it, the New York Times says.

The Nixon camp is upset about the way he will be portrayed in the programme and lawyer William E. Griffin wrote ABC a letter saying Nixon "objects strongly to being depicted by an actor without his consent."

The letter called the show "a violation of his privacy and an infringement on his right to use his name and image to promote his own writings and statements about foreign policy and other issues."

ABC says it is satisfied that the show is fair and accurate and Woodward said that Nixon's complaints were just part of his "war with history." (UPI)

WASHINGTON: Dogs will be dogs. Millie, President and Barbara Bush's springer spaniel, attended to a little personal hygiene on ABC's "Primetime Live," earning a kick from her mistress and a chastising from Sam Donaldson.

The First Lady was leading Donaldson through the queen's room on a tour of the White House Thursday night when Millie began licking herself on camera.

She kept at it despite the kick from Mrs Bush and Donaldson's attempt to teach her some manners. On Friday, reporters joked that Mrs Bush, with her kick, had upset dog lovers much like Lyndon Johnson did when he dangled one of his beagles by the ears.

"I was just trying to get Millie to clean up her act," she said in mock horror. "They accuse me of a lot of things, but one they don't accuse me of is abusing this dog." Mrs Bush is writing a book about Millie (UPI)

MINNEAPOLIS: Musician John Nelson, the father of rock star Prince, has been named to the Minnesota Black Musicians Awards Hall of Fame.

Other honorees at Saturday's ceremony were the late jazz musician Ira Pettiford, jazz singer Doris Hines, and the late Reginald T. Buckner, a jazz pianist, organist and educator who died last February.

Singer Jevetta Steele and pianist-singer Bobby Lyne were named outstanding artists of the year, while singer Costina, soul singer Alexander O'Neal and Brownmark, a former Prince bassist and now a solo artist for Motown Records, shared honours in the national rhythm-and-blues ceremony. (AP)

MELBOURNE, Australia: An Australian judge freed a "computer-holic" who stole computer equipment to satisfy his software craving.

The judge in Melbourne Court told Andrew Skerret, 21, it was the first time he had come across anyone suffering from "computerholism."

"It seems he has a passion for computers which overcame his principles, and that passion continues," said Judge Anthony Smith before imposing a 12-month suspended jail sentence on Skerret. (Reuters)

PARIS: The most expensive painting ever to go on the auction block in France — Pablo Picasso's "The Marriage of Pierre" — will be auctioned off in November, the auction house Drouot-Montaigne announced Monday.

Drouot spokesman Jean-Claude Binoche said the painting, which belongs to a Swedish collector, will be auctioned off on Nov 30.

"The Marriage of Pierre," which depicts a young woman marrying an older man, was completed in 1905 during the artist's famous Blue period, Binoche said. (UPI)

DECATUR, Illinois: Estelle Gill got a special present for her 102nd birthday — the chance to add another "great" to her name.

Just hours before her birthday party at Oak Manor Nursing Home, her great-great-granddaughter, Leandra Lawson, gave birth to a daughter. The newborn girl, Mrs Gill's great-great-great-granddaughter, was named Ashley Marie Lawson.

I've nothing against gays, lesbians: Gabor

BEVERLY HILLS, California, Sept 26, (AP) — Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor began the third week of her police-slapping trial yesterday by retracting earlier comments about homosexuals and insisted she has the utmost respect for them.

As the Hungarian-born actress arrived at Municipal Court, she told reporters she was distressed by angry letters she has received from the homosexual community.

Two weeks ago she commented that she

was afraid of going to jail for slapping officer Paul Kramer because there are lesbians in there.

"I have nothing against gays or lesbians. I have lots of gay 'boys' working for me," Gabor said. "I got letter from the lesbians and Gay Association."

"They are going to boycott me because I said there are lesbians in jail. How do I know who's in jail? Imagine a woman's jail. There must be lesbians... may be I should become a

lesbian. What do I know? I like men."

Asked if she was retracting her earlier comment, Gabor said yes.

Gabor is under court order not to discuss the case itself.

She could receive up to 18 months in jail sentence if convicted of misdemeanor battery on a police officer, disobeying an officer's orders, driving with an expired license and having an open container of alcohol (a flask of whiskey in the glove compartment) in her car.

Scientists in final quest Rembrandt's bones

AMSTERDAM, Sept 26, (AP) — In a final bid to recover the bones of one of Amsterdam's greatest sons, scientists are frantically peeling away thin layers of soil on the spot where painter Rembrandt Van Rijn might have been buried 300 years ago.

The grave of his son, Titus, has surfaced during restoration work in Amsterdam's 17th-century Westerkerk, though it is not certain that the younger Rembrandt is still in it. Students of Rembrandt's life believe there's just a tiny chance that the best-known of Dutch masters were interred next to his only son at the church.

"We know that Rembrandt was buried in the Westerkerk, but the location of his remains is unknown because he had no money for a tombstone," Willem Van Stigt, the architect supervising the restoration project, said in a graveside interview yesterday.

"Titus' grave seems as logical a place as any other," Van Stigt said. Rembrandt survived his son

by one year, dying in 1669 at the age of 63. Currently, only a marble plaque on the Westerkerk's north wall commemorates the world-famous artist.

Best-known for his monumental "Night Watch," on display in the Rijksmuseum here, Rembrandt was a prolific painter whose innovative use of light made him one of the outstanding representatives of the 17th-century Dutch school.

When the wooden floor was removed from the Westerkerk's nave several weeks ago, Titus' grave became accessible to scientists of the anatomy institute of Leiden University.

After a week of digging, the first brownish skeleton was found at a depth of 1.95 metres (6 feet 6 inches) last morning. It has not been identified.

"It definitely is not Rembrandt," said Van Stigt, who noted that in the 200 years following the opening of the church in 1631, people were buried in layers.

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Crank, made in America, makes a speed...y comeback

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26, (AP): It's cheap, it's easy to produce and drug dealers tout the fact that it's "made in America."

Methamphetamine, known in the 1960s as "speed" and now widely called "crank", is making a resurgence in the United States as an inexpensive alternative to cocaine. It could be even more dangerous.

Users are beginning to smoke it, sending an instant jolt to the brain. Unlike crack—the smokable form of cocaine—crank can give the user a high that lasts several hours.

Quickly addictive, it also can lead its victims to hospital emergency rooms, their fists clenched,

raring for a fight even while strapped to gurneys.

The drug comes from underground laboratories in the United States. No South American drug lords are involved and there are no problems getting supplies past customs agents. The profits stay in the country.

"I think there's sound reason to say this stuff is more dangerous than cocaine or crack," says James N. Hall, executive director of the up front drug information center in Miami.

The Justice Department, in a report last month, said "methamphetamine has the potential of becoming the crack problem of the 1990s."

Dr. George M. Shumail, an emergency room

physician at the University of California at San Diego Medical Centre, describes crank users as "crazy."

"They're so combative and so strong that they can throw you across the room," he said.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse says the number of deaths involving crank nearly tripled in 1988, from 34 in the second half of 1985 to 91 in the first half of 1988, according to reports from 26 metropolitan areas.

"There has been an explosive growth in the use of methamphetamine" over six years, the Justice Department says. The problem has been especially severe in Hawaii, the western United States and

southern California.

Shumail says many of those who come to his emergency room suffering from crank overdoses just need a place to come down from highs that can last up to 24 hours due to repeat doses.

"Their hearts will be racing, their blood pressure will be high, they'll be paranoid and anxious, but they'll survive."

But severe overdoses can result in seizures, "They'll be so wired up, their muscles so tight, so intensely clenched, that the muscle protein breaks down, gets into the blood stream, goes to the kidneys and can create kidney failure," Shumail

says.

"They lose their temperature regulation. Our record is 109 degrees (42.8 degrees C). I've not seen any of those patients survive."

Methamphetamine also is "associated with a high sense of paranoia, even greater than cocaine and definitely a greater degree of violent behaviour," Hall says. "There's a psychotic reaction. People go crazy with this drug."

Smoking speed gives the user "an initial short-term jolt like crack for 10 minutes or so, but it will have a residual long-term effect of several hours, a stimulant effect," he says.

But users "won't be impressed" by the lingering

stimulation, so they were likely, while still under the effect of the stimulant... to redose again and gain because they're chasing the jolt, seeking the exhilaration."

The result can be an overdose.

Crank users, officials say, are overwhelmingly white, lower-middle-income, with a high school education or less. They range in age from 20 to 35 and generally buy the drug from friends who also use it.

Frank Tarallo, the chief of the Drug Enforcement Agency's dangerous drugs investigation section, estimates clandestine methamphetamine labs could produce 25 tonnes of the drug this year.

Hugo victims in more misery

CHARLESTON, South Carolina, Sept. 26, (UPI): Rain poured into roofless homes yesterday, worsening the misery for thousands of people trying to rebuild from hurricane Hugo and cutting short ferry service to barrier islands, where homeowners got their first view of the deadly storm's devastation.

Hundreds of thousands of people were still without electricity by day's end, but garbage pickups resumed and South Carolina health and environmental control officials, after extensive testing, declared Charleston's water safe to drink.

"That's a major step as we recover from this disaster," Charleston mayor Joseph Riley said. "The sooner we get the basic necessities of life back, the sooner we can get back to normal."

Still, about 25,000 of the 75,000 people left homeless by the storm remained in makeshift shelters with food, fuel and other necessities running short, and the mayor had no estimate on how long electricity would be out in the 300-year-old city and surrounding areas.

"This is a herculean task, and getting power back is our top priority," he said. "Hospitals are our first priority and then maintaining the water and sewer system. High on that priority list are obviously grocery stores and gas stations."

Authorities in foul-weather gear began searching isolated localities yesterday for more victims of Hugo, which devastated one-third of the state and caused more than \$2 billion in damage. The storm killed 19 people in the United States, 24 in the Caribbean and left thousands homeless.

"There was complete devastation on the island," said former Isle of Palms councilwoman Nancy Smiley, whose home suffered major damage. "There isn't a house on the island that is not damaged. And I don't know if we have a tree standing."

"Thirty per cent of the roofs in the city are damaged," the mayor said. "The roof at city hall is only temporary. We've got rain pouring in there."

Workers at Charleston international airport were unable to reopen the facility to air traffic because they could not get the roads cleared in time.

Islands in the eastern Caribbean remained without water and electricity yesterday, a full week after the hurricane.

Puerto Rican Gov. Rafael Hernandez Colon estimated that storm had caused more than \$1 billion in damage to public and private structures.

The Puerto Rico water company estimated 800,000 of Puerto Rico's 3.5 million people, mostly in San Juan and the east side of the island, were without water service.

The electric power authority reported it had restored power to 70 per cent of the island, although much of the capital remained without electricity.

On the eastern Caribbean island of Antigua, the government reported \$90 million in damages and 420 people homeless out of a total population of 85,000.

Bus rams paper office

MESA, Arizona, Sept. 26, (AP): The office of a newspaper that has been criticised for running photographs of a man electrocuted in an accident was ransacked by a mob of angry people demanding respect for the dead man.

Police questioned a man whose wallet was found under the bus that crashed into the lobby of the Mesa Tribune early yesterday. The man, whose surname is the same as the dead man's, refused to co-operate, said police spokesman Mike Hayes.

No one was injured in the incident.

The Tribune printed two colour photos last week with a brief story on the death of Mark Tracy, 25, who was killed on Sept. 16 when he touched a power line while trimming a palm tree.



Ortega (centre) and Ramirez (right) wave to crowds as they ride in a caravan through the streets of Managua. (Reuter wirephoto)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bomb explodes: A bomb exploded outside the US embassy in Santiago early today, smashing windows in nearby buildings but causing no injuries, embassy officials and police said.

Police said the bomb, containing three pounds (1.5 kg) of explosives, went off around 2.30 am (0630 GMT) when the area was virtually deserted.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for planting the bomb which had been left inside a rubbish bin on the street in front of the embassy building. (Reuter)

Nazi guard convicted: An East German court yesterday convicted a former Nazi guard in the murder of 28 Jewish prisoners at a forced labour camp in Poland during World War II, the state-run news agency ADN said.

The agency said a court in Rostock, on the Baltic Coast, sentenced Jakob Holz to life imprisonment.

Holz, 79, was found guilty of "war crimes and crimes against humanity for his part in killing 28 Jewish workers at a forced-labour camp in Radom, Poland," ADN said. (AP)

Gold miners die: A landslide around a mining pit has claimed the lives of seven Venezuelan gold miners, police reported yesterday.

The men were working in an open pit in El Dorado, a jungle region in Amazon territory, about 440 miles (700 kilometres) southeast of Caracas, when the landslide occurred, a police spokesman told the Associated Press.

Further details were not immediately available.

There are 40,000 gold miners working in the southern regions of Venezuela.

Ecologists have warned against possible accidents due to the rudimentary systems used to exploit metals in the area. (AP)

Greenpeace to renew protest: Greenpeace conservationists set sail in the MV Gondwana today for Antarctica to protest against damage to the continent's fragile environment.

"The main aim of our whole campaign is draw attention to Antarctica, to the problems that are already there and to the threats to the future," campaign co-ordinator Maj. de Poorter told Reuters aboard the ship shortly before it sailed. (Reuter)

Rebels slay mayor: Leftist guerrillas fired on the US ambassador's residence in Lima and killed a mayor, the 22nd murdered this year in separate weekend attacks, police and embassy officials said yesterday.

Gunmen in a speeding car fired several shots at guards protecting the ambassador's residence early Sunday, but no one was wounded, embassy spokesman Tom Leary said.

Police said it was unclear which of Peru's two guerrilla groups, the Mao-inspired Shining Path or the pro-Cuba Tupac Amaru Revolutionary movement, was responsible for the attack. (AP)

Chile condemned: West Germany's foreign minister expressed the "suspicion" the Chilean government was protecting leaders of a German sect in Chile accused of human rights violations, a ministry statement said yesterday.

The statement said the minister, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, notified the United Nations he would take up the matter with the organisation's human rights commission in January. (UPI)

3 brothers shot dead: Gunmen shot dead three shepherd brothers with family ties to the Sardinian underworld yesterday in an apparent vendetta attack, police said.

At least two gunmen ambushed the brothers' car and sprayed it with bullets on a quiet country lane near the town of Nuoro in eastern Sardinia.

Police said the attackers fired bullets from point-blank range into the faces of the three men, a sign the attack was a revenge killing. Ciriaco, Luigi and Nicolo Coccocone were related to jailed Carmelino Coccocone, who police believe is one of the leaders of Sardinia's criminal underworld. (Reuter)

Police commissioner resigns: New York's first black police commissioner, Benjamin Ward, resigned yesterday after nearly six years citing chronic asthma, the department said.

A spokeswoman, Judy Ciampi, said Ward, 63, submitted a letter of resignation effective Oct. 22.

In his letter, Ward said: "I intended to stay with you to the very end but I am yielding to the chronic asthma that has sapped my strength."

Ward's term was to expire in January 1991. (AP)

Ortega 100 pc sure of victory

MANAGUA, Sept. 26, (UPI): President Daniel Ortega, the Sandinista Front's presidential candidate for February's election, led a caravan of supporters through the streets yesterday and declared he is 100-per cent confident of victory.

Ortega, his running mate, Vice-President Sergio Ramirez, and 180 Sandinista candidates for the National Assembly rode in trucks through Managua, followed by a dozen truckloads of flag-waving supporters, to register at the supreme electoral council.

After his candidacy was made official yesterday, Ortega, 43, told reporters she was "one hundred per cent sure" his ticket would win.

Ortega and Ramirez were nominated to run for re-election at the end of a 12-hour Sandinista convention on Sunday. In his acceptance speech, Ortega promised Nicaraguans suffering from the country's massive economic crisis that "better days are ahead," and unveiled what appeared to be the Sandinista campaign slogan: "Everything will get better."

Individual opposition leaders immediately criticised both the slogan and the choice of Ortega and Ramirez. But the United National Opposition, the main coalition challenging Ortega, had no programmed response to the highly publicised Sandinista nomination.

"They talk of better days, but how can we have better days with the same old faces that have given us 10 years of disaster?" asked Roberto Ferrey, a former leader of the US-backed Contra rebels who returned from exile to join the UNO, as the coalition is known.

The Soviet Union said yesterday it was ready to work with the United States for peace in Central America, a region which has traditionally been the focus of bitter superpower polemic.

"We are in favour of co-operation with the US in trying to bring political solutions to the problems of Central America," Juan Burial, deputy chief of the ministry's Latin America department, told a news conference.

Neglected fresco may be work of Raphael

PERUGIA, Italy, Sept. 26, (AP): A fresco neglected for centuries in the basement of a chapel in Perugia is a Raphael and may be the first work done by the Renaissance master, an Italian art expert announced today.

The fresco, depicting the Madonna, the Crucifixion of Christ and St John the Evangelist, may have been completed in the early months of 1501. Before Raphael turned 18, according to the study by professor Filippo Todini.

The work was long attributed to the School of Umbrian Master Pietro Perugino but then had been forgotten until Todini rediscovered it under a coat of grime and mold in 1987, said another expert, Professor Mino Coletti.

"Todini seems to have more than a foundation of truth," Coletti said.

Blasts kill 2 docs in seaside resort

Drug barons expand war

BOGOTA, Sept. 26, (Agencies): Colombia's drug traffickers took their campaign of bombing to the seaside resort of Cartagena last night, one blast killing two doctors attending a medical convention and another wounding two people outside a bank, police said.

They said a stick of dynamite placed on the sixth floor of the Cartagena Hilton Hotel also critically injured another doctor at the convention.

The guests of the 288-room hotel were evacuated and moved elsewhere in the Caribbean port. The bomb outside a state-owned agricultural bank wounded a 10-year-old schoolgirl and a night watchman.

Cartagena, a frequent site of international conventions, is Colombia's premier tourist centre with a vast walled inner city from the Spanish colonial era where foreign feature films are often shot.

The bombs were the first to go off in Cartagena since "the extraditables," a group opposed to the extradition of cocaine traffickers to the United States, declared war on the Colombian establishment on August 24, six days after an anti-narcotics crackdown began.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the blasts, but in Bogota, a police spokesman blamed the attack on the extraditables, saying they were trying to harm tourism.

Eleven British and Australian mercenaries, experts in assassination and explosives, spent three months in Colombia schooling private soldiers of cocaine barons in sophisticated weaponry, the NBC television network disclosed.

The network, on "NBC Nightly News" yesterday, broadcast videotape of what it said were the highly paid mercenaries training the drug troops and later counting their \$20,000 pay—delivered in American \$10 bills—in a Bogota hotel room.

The footage was taken by one of the mercenaries, Australian Terry Tagney, and smuggled out of Colombia, NBC correspondent Brian Ross reported. He did not say when it was taken.

Ross gave no further details about Tagney, who said in an interview that he and the other men were told they were going to Colombia to help fight communist guerrillas but soon realised they were working for the drug bosses.

Ross said that when Colombian police came looking for the mercenaries they were able to escape on a cargo plane provided to the drug bosses by Colombia's military. He quoted Tagney as saying the mercenaries had been protected everywhere they went by Colombian military and police officials.

The tape showed what it said were prostitutes being delivered for a night with the mercenaries at an island on a small river in Colombia that the drug bosses called "fantasy island."

The government has since confiscated the island.

The mercenaries, led by a former British special forces sergeant major, were shown teaching classes in how to fire a rifle, grenade launcher and how to set up grenade booby traps at cocaine processing labs to stop drug agents, according to the tape.

NBC News paid Tagney for his videotape, said an NBC spokeswoman, Katherine McQuay. She declined to say how much.

The network on Aug. 21 broadcast video footage of what it said were Israelis teaching the drug soldiers.

US Air jet wreckage pulled from river

Grand jury may probe crash

NEW YORK, Sept. 26, (AP): Salvage crews yesterday examined the wreckage of a US Air jet from the East River looking for a mechanical flaw that might have caused last week's crash, authorities said.

Meanwhile, prosecutors weighed criminal charges against the crew.

A grand jury could be asked to consider charges of leaving the scene of an accident or even criminally negligent homicide against the pilot and co-pilot of the Boeing 737-400, a source in the district attorney's office told the Associated Press.

Another source in the district attorney's office told a newspaper that immunity from prosecution might be offered to the co-pilot, Constantine Kleissas, in return for his testimony.

Santucci's office on Sunday declared the crash site off New York's Lighthouse airport, a crime scene.

The National Transportation Safety Board is conducting a separate probe into Wednesday's crash of Flight 5050 which skidded off a runway and landed in the East River, cracking into three pieces.

A lawyer for Kleissas and for the captain, Michael W. Martin, said he saw no basis for a grand jury probe, and news reports indicated some investigators were sceptical the criminal charges would hold up.

Kleissas, 29, who had flown a 737-400 only once before on a passenger flight, was at the controls, but Martin manually took over the throttle after Kleissas pushed a button shutting down the automatic throttle, authorities said.

"Based on everything I know, there is absolutely no criminal act committed by either pilot," said the attorney Frederick Hafetz.

Muslims to fight

LONDON, Sept. 26, (Koran): Britain's newest political party, the Islamic Party, is a sign that Muslim community's concerns are moving onto a wider national agenda, it has been suggested here.

The spokesman of the Islamic Party, Abdurrahman Green, told the Financial Times newspaper today that the party will be offering a "new view" which he believes many people, even if they do not share our faith, will feel able to support.

The paper said that the birth of the new party is a sign that other political parties in Britain cannot totally ignore, because "it is a symptom of a growing demand for greater political and social recognition."

It is a demand which is shared by the entire Muslim community, it added.

The party will field candidates in parliamentary and local government elections, where it decides "it is appropriate to do so."

About half the new party's executive body are British-born, while converts to Islam, the paper recalled.

Lebanon's Christians, Muslims prepare for political battle

BEIRUT, Sept. 26, (Agencies): Lebanon's Christian and Muslim factions prepared today for a political battle at talks in Saudi Arabia on reforms to a system at the root of 14 years of civil war.

Most of the country's Members of Parliament, under pressure from rival sides, appeared set to choose tactics for Saturday's talks which would put them on a collision course.

As an Arab League ceasefire held for a fourth day, and Lebanon picked up the pieces of normal life from six months of war, Muslim and Christian deputies held a

series of separate emergency meetings.

The Arab peace plan which ended the battles gave them the responsibility for the next steps towards a lasting end to war.

"The ball is now in the deputies' court," said Arab envoy Lakhdar Brahimi after talks with some Christian deputies.

"I am very hopeful about the future and am also pleased with the current security situation," added Ibrahim, who is trying to smooth over differences ahead of the talks in Saudi Arabia.

Thabani and Parliamentary Speaker Hussein Huseini agreed yesterday that

deputies would meet in Saudi Arabia, as urged by the Arab peace plan, to discuss a "national reconciliation charter" as the blueprint for a new Lebanon.

But parliament is divided. Muslim deputies demand political reforms while most Christian deputies back Christian Army chief Michel Aoun's campaign to expel Syria's 33,000 troops first.

Huseini, a Shiite Muslim backed by Syria, said that he expected more than 60 of Lebanon's 73 deputies to attend the talks. Lebanon has 43 Christian and 30 Muslim parliamentarians.

Parliament was last elected in 1972, before the start of the civil war. It originally had 99 members but the rest have died.

The Arab League suggested that parliamentarians meet outside the country to try to minimise the chances that they would be under pressure from the rival leaders in Lebanon and militias.

The charter drawn up by an Arab League committee calls for reforms to give Lebanon's Muslim majority at least an equal say in the political system now dominated by the Christian minority.

It would shift executive power from the president to the cabinet, share top posts equally between Christians and Muslims and abolish traditional sectarian division of other jobs.

The moves go some way towards meeting the demands of Syria and most Muslims but are opposed by Christian leaders, who blame the war on foreign influence rather than political inequality.

The charter also suggests that Syrian troops should move to Lebanon's Bekaa valley within two years of helping a united Lebanese government extend its power over all its territory.

The final decision whether Christian deputies should attend the talks in Saudi Arabia rested with a meeting between them and Aoun tomorrow. They will also try and build a united front.

Muslim militia chiefs poured cold water today on proposed political reforms.

Walid Jumblatt, leader of the Syrian-backed Druze Muslim Progressive Socialist Party declared: "The military battle is not over yet and will not be finished on the basis of a new sectarian compromise contained in the committee's draft plan."

Shiite Muslim militia chieftain Nabih Berri also criticised the proposed reforms, which aim to split power equally, saying they were "not enough."

A million refugees flooded back into Beirut after six months of fighting, many impoverished by their ordeal and some fearful that the savage shelling would flare up again.

Pope John Paul has made an unprecedented, impassioned appeal to all Muslim to save Lebanon, saying an entire people was dying while the world looked on.

IAEA to admit

VIENNA, Sept. 26, (KUNA): Arab and Western representatives agreed today in the annual conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to reach a compromise regarding admission of Palestine to the organisation, according to well informed Arab sources here.

The sources said a three-point Arab sponsored draft resolution demanding changing the name of Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to Palestine, expansion of the Palestinian participation to include specialised and technical meetings and attending the meetings of the governors council had been amalgamated in one clause to be read out by the conference's chairman.

Ozal undecided

ANKARA, Sept. 26, (Reuters): Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal is undecided on whether to stand in a parliamentary vote next month for a new state president, ruling party officials said today.

"My chances of running are 50-50. I have taken no decision yet. This decision is in the machine," Ozal was quoted as telling his centre-right Motherland Party last night.

Ozal, Turkey's dominant politician since three years of Army rule ended in 1983, would be almost assured of being elected the first civilian president since 1960 if he stood.

Hotel catches fire

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept. 26, (AP): Guests at the luxurious Dan Caspary hotel were forced to flee today when a fire spread through several floors of the eight-storey beachfront building, Israeli Army radio said.

Seven workers in the hotel on the Mediterranean coast south of Haifa were lightly injured, two tourists were reported hurt, the radio said.

Food poisoning

AMMAN, Jordan, Sept. 26, (AP): More than 75 hospital workers suffered food poisoning after eating a meal at the hotel, Jordanian officials said today.

Jordan University hospital's deputy director, Hussein Al-Mutaseb, said the cases were reported early yesterday 12 hours after the staff ate lunch at the cafeteria Sunday.

Jordanian released

ROME, Sept. 26, (Reuters): Italy has freed a Jordanian held as a suspected member of the Abu Nidal extremist group, because the government lacks evidence to pursue charges against him, the Justice Ministry said today.

Khalid Birawi Thamer, 29, was arrested in Rome on September 6 in an operation against the Italian Red Brigades guerrilla group.

Release ruled out

BEIRUT, Sept. 26, (Reuters): A member of a Palestinian group holding five Europeans captive met a French negotiator seeking their freedom yesterday but ruled out their immediate release.

"The time is not right to talk about the issue of hostages and captives," Walid Khaled, spokesman of the Fatah Revolutionary Council (FRC) in Beirut, told Reuters after he met French mediator Lucien Bitterlin.

Judge criticised

LONDON, Sept. 26, (Reuters): Iran's top judge, Ayatollah Mohammad Fazel Larijani, criticised yesterday that jailed British Roger Cooper would be pardoned, and said his case was not related to disputes between Iran and Britain.

A Tehran newspaper today meanwhile has criticised Iran's top judge for suggesting that the jailed Briton be pardoned.

Israel tests

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept. 26, (AP): The government-owned Israel Aircraft Industries yesterday successfully conducted the first test flight of an advanced fighter jet that is loaded with high technology equipment it hopes to sell abroad.

Amnesty offer

KHARTOUM, Sudan, Sept. 26, (AP): Chad's government will offer amnesties to thousands of armed dissidents living in neighbouring Sudan if they return home, that country's foreign minister was quoted as saying today.

Typhoid hits 80

ANKARA, Sept. 26, (Reuters): Eighty people have been taken to hospital with typhoid in the southern Turkish steel-exporting port of Iskenderun, the Anatolian news agency said today.

Egypt gives Israel a list of PLO team

Shamir rejects talks in Cairo

KUWAIT, Sept. 26, (Agencies): Egypt has recently provided Israel with list of Palestinians from inside the occupied land and the deportees for peace negotiations with an Israeli delegation.

A Kuwaiti Arabic daily quoted Egyptian sources as saying that Egypt's Ambassador to Tel Aviv Mohammed Bassioni had delivered the list to Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin. It said the list comprises 10 Palestinian leaders from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and two others from the deportees.

The paper quoted its unnamed sources as saying the list was prepared in co-ordination with the PLO during the past few days.

It added that Rabin had endorsed the 10 representatives from inside the occupied territories and suggested the replacement of the other two, arguing that they are PLO members.

They are: Elias Fraij, Rudwan Abu Ayyash, Saeed Kanaan, Faizal Al Hussein, Fayz Abu Rahma, Ghassan Al Shaka'a, Jamil Al Tiraifi, Asaad Tantawi and Mansour Al Shawa in addition to the deportees: Akram Hamiya and Mohamed Milhem.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir rejected an Egyptian proposal for Israeli-Palestinian peace talks in Cairo saying it would be surrender for the Jewish state.

In a sharply-worded speech to businessmen, the hardline Shamir said it was clear the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) would appoint the Palestinian delegates.

"Who will come to Cairo? The leaders of the intifada (uprising) will come... they will come as victors, they will tell the whole Arab world 'we succeeded, we succeeded'," Shamir said.

"We're not sitting together, it would not be negotiations for peace but surrender talks. There is no justification for Israel to surrender, to accept the intifada as victorious or accept the PLO as the owner of part of the land of Israel."

President Hosni Mubarak goes to the United States this week seeking an American role as catalyst in the Israeli-Palestinian peace dialogue he has proposed.

Egyptian officials said Mubarak wants the administration of President George Bush to take concrete action instead of just expressing cautious approval, as it has done so far.

In practical terms, said the officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, Egypt wants Washington to judge the radical Likud wing of the Israeli government led by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir into accepting the dialogue and a 10-point guideline plan also proposed by Cairo.

US Secretary of State James Baker said yesterday the United States considers the ten-point plan of Mubarak an indication that Israeli election proposals have been accepted.

Baker told a news conference after a meeting between US and Egyptian officials that the US would oppose PLO everywhere.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26, (KUNA): The US will oppose PLO membership in the United Nations General Assembly or any other international organisation funded by the US, a senior State Department official has vowed.

Addressing a Jewish audience, he said the US would rebuff should the PLO win any such recognition.

John Bolton, assistant State Department secretary for international organisation affairs, told the "Washington Jewish Week" newspaper in an interview, "trying to get 'state' status is a purely unilateral act that could have an adverse effect on the peace process."

He added a May 1 statement by State Department Secretary James Baker opposing PLO representation in UN bodies applied to the General Assembly, as well.

Bolton also said the Bush administration would continue to oppose "any" change in the PLO's status, regardless of the track the organisation adopted.

He noted the possibility the PLO might try to upgrade its current "observer" status to that of "observer states" like Switzerland.

US officials also told the Jewish paper they would pay especially close attention to the PLO's recognition efforts because the General Assembly this week opened its 1989 session.

Bolton acknowledged that had the PLO been successful in any of its five separate membership applications during the last six months, "the odds of them having been designated as an observer state in the General Assembly would have been overwhelming."

The five applications were indefinitely "deferred" after the US threatened to withhold funding for the UN bodies.

Bolton observed in the case of application for full Palestinian statehood the US could simply veto it in the Security Council.

Foreign troops must go out: ACC

MANAMA, Sept. 26, (Agencies): Leaders of the four-member Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) meeting in the North Yemeni capital of Sanaa today have decided to call for the withdrawal of all foreign troops — including some 35,000 Syrian forces — from Lebanon, Arab government sources said.

The Arab sources said the ACC, which represents half the population of the Arab world, has also decided to support an Arab League joint Saudi, Moroccan and Algerian peace initiative for Lebanon, even though it has so far avoided tackling the key question of Syrian forces in the war-ravaged Middle East nation.

"The members of the ACC have decided to call for the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Lebanon," an Arab government source in Sanaa told United Press International in a telephone interview.

"The ACC has also decided to give its full backing to the Arab League's peace initiative for Lebanon," the source added.

Iraq, a prominent ACC member has regularly supplied arms to Lebanese Christian strongman Gen. Michel Aoun in his battle to oust Syrian troops from Lebanese territory.

Although the ACC gave reserved support for an Arab League tripartite committee initiative for a ceasefire in Lebanon, Iraqi diplomats have made it clear that there can be no permanent solution to the Lebanese crisis while Syria maintained troops in the country.

ACC leaders President Saddam Hussein of Iraq, Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak, Jordanian King Hussein and North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, also agreed in Sanaa to call for an end to "all foreign interference" in Lebanon, but would not mention any countries by name, the Arab sources said.

In addition to Syria and Iraq, Israel also maintains troops in a self-declared buffer zone between northern Israel and southern Lebanon.

In a related development, PLO leader Yasser Arafat joined the ACC leaders in Sanaa and held talks on the Palestinian issue, the Cairo-based state-run Middle East News Agency (Mena) reported.

The agency said in a dispatch from Sanaa that the Arab leaders discussed with Arafat the latest developments in the Middle East and the Arab world.

Gulf-based diplomats said Mubarak's 10-point plan for Israeli-Palestinian dialogue, which has Arafat's backing but is opposed by radical Palestinian groups and members of Israel's coalition government, dominated the Sanaa summit.

The Egyptian initiative proposes Palestinian elections for the Israeli-occupied territories and calls on Israel to exchange land for peace. It also calls for US guarantees that the Jewish state will respect the points of the plan.

Mubarak is expected to use the meeting to gain support for his initiatives. He is scheduled to lobby further support for the plan during forthcoming trips beginning tomorrow to France and the United States.

The sources said the four heads of state had agreed to limit the political statement to unanimous views, which would break new ground on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict or the stalled peace talks between Israel and Iran.

It will reaffirm support for the Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule in the occupied territories and for the PLO, the sources said.



King Hassan II accompanied by King Juan Carlos I review the Royal Guard during the welcoming ceremonies at El Pardo palace in Madrid. (Reuters wirephoto)

Bridging Euro-Africa gap

Technically feasible

MADRID, Sept. 26, (Reuters): Spain and Morocco revived old plans today to bridge the straits of Gibraltar and said the project to link Africa to Europe was technically feasible.

King Hassan of Morocco said the bridge, one of his pet projects, could be built by the end of the century.

It is established that the work is technically feasible," he told a banquet at the start of his first state visit to Madrid, a trip long delayed by a host of disputes and seen as a watershed in relations

historically marked by mistrust. "We are certain that financing will not meet major difficulties and that, possibly before the end of this century, the bridge between Europe and Africa will be built," Hassan said.

King Juan Carlos said the plans were no longer Utopian, but more cautiously added they were "among projects feasible within our historical horizon."

Plans to build a bridge or a tunnel across the 15-km (nine mile) straits at the entrance of the Mediterranean were first men-

tioned more than a century ago. Spain and Morocco are due to sign an agreement during Hassan's three-day visit to study the project. Its cost has been variously estimated at between two to 10 billion dollars.

Juan Carlos called in his address for a referendum with adequate guarantees to end the war in the Western Sahara where Algerian-backed Polisario guerrillas are fighting Morocco for the independence of the former Spanish colony.

Sanaa rejoices on Revolution Day

SANAA, Sept. 26, (Reuters): Elderly American, Soviet and French jet fighters roared over the North Yemeni capital today as the country celebrated Revolution Day, the end of the monarchy and the setting up of the modern republic.

At a spit-and-polish military parade on the outskirts of the capital, President Mubarak of Egypt, President Saddam Hussein of Iraq, King Hussein of Jordan and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat joined President Ali Abdullah Saleh on the reviewing stand.

The 27th anniversary of the toppling of the monarchy coincided with a summit of the Arab Co-operation Council, a seven-month-old economic bloc linking North Yemen's 10 million people with 70 million others across the heart of the Middle East.

The Sanaa coup of 1962 cut short the rule of Imam (King) Badr but led to a chaotic seven-year civil war.

But President Saleh, a young military man when he took power, has now ruled for 10 years, making peace with most factions and accepting aid

impartially from the West, communist and Arab states.

Union with leftwing South Yemen remains a cherished dream but is pursued cautiously through joint oil exploration projects along the undefined border.

In Liberation Square, ablaze with coloured lights powered by North Yemen's new-found oil, dancers, each flourishing a curved, broad-bladed dagger, twirled the night away.

They were celebrating, more or less, the storming 27 years ago by army tanks of the Imam's palace, a building around a corner from At Tahrir (Liberation) Square now used as a police station.

Or maybe the fact that a king and two presidents were visiting, probably the most distinguished set of guests this rugged land has ever received.

But mainly they were rejoicing at being Yemenis, a people like no other in the mountains of southwestern Arabia.

Men wearing headscarves, Arab robes and Western jackets emerged from the milling crowd to form impromptu groups in front of a pair of drummers.

Israel opposes arms to Saudis

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept. 26, (Reuters): Israel remains opposed to US arms sales to Saudi Arabia as long as Riyadh fails to make peace with the Jewish state, government officials said today.

They are responding to an Israel radio report that Israel rebuffed a request by Washington to acquiesce in the sale of tanks and other military hardware to Saudi Arabia, which the Bush administration has reported to Congress.

"Israel's position on the matter is well known and remains as it was," Foreign Ministry spokesman Yosef Amichud told reporters.

Other officials said US Defence Secretary Richard Cheney had asked Israel to refrain from lobbying against the deal when he met Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Washington this month.

A powerful pro-Israel lobby in Congress has thwarted several past attempts by the US government to sell modern weapons systems to Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Kuwait.

US officials argue that their inability to sell arms to friendly Arab states weakens American influence in the Middle East and only helps the arms industries of West European states which have no such qualms.

Iraq and Iran replenishing their arsenals amid calls for military build-up

MANAMA, Sept. 26, (UPI): A Tehran newspaper called on Iran to reinforce the country's military build-up to thwart what it described as possible renewed aggression from Iraq.

"A military plan in the long run can be a practical backing for our rightful stands in the implementation of (UN) Resolution 598," the clergy-owned Kayhan International said in an editorial carried by the official Iranian news agency, Irna.

The newspaper's call for a military build-up just over a year after a UN-brokered ceasefire in the eight-year-long

Iran-Iraq war, came days after Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani said his country would eventually use force to recover occupied territory if Iraq did not withdraw its troops to pre-war borders.

The radical daily said no practical step had been taken since the Aug 1988 ceasefire to consolidate peace between the two neighbours.

It said Iraq ended the "no-peace-no-war" state to "justify its huge arms purchases after the war," despite debts of \$80 billion.

Gulf-based Western diplomats said

both Iran and Iraq have been strengthening their military arsenals since the ceasefire. They said Iran has still been unable to strengthen its weak Air Force, but was "co-operating closely with the Soviet Union and its East European allies in various defence sectors."

But the diplomats pointed out that Iran's economy was in a "very weak state," and that the country did not have the resources to mount "an effective military campaign at present."

They said Iraq, on the other hand, had received billions of dollars in aid from neighbouring Arab Gulf states such as

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, and "is in a slightly better position at the moment to wage an aggressive war."

The Iranian daily called for implementation of UN Resolution 598, which calls for practical steps to end the Gulf war, and a "precise plan" to be drawn up "to drive occupation forces of the enemy out of our Islamic homeland."

Iraq still occupies hundreds of square miles (km) of Iranian border territory, but has refused to withdraw until Iran agrees to implement all points of a UN peace plan.

UN Secretary General Javier Perez de

Cuellar today recommended that United Nations observers remain on the ceasefire line between Iran and Iraq for a further six months.

"The present situation of no war-no peace contains elements of instability not only for the two countries concerned but also for the region," Perez de Cuellar said in a written report to the UN Security Council.

He said it was a matter of widespread concern that a year had elapsed without any further progress in implementing a plan embodied in Security Council Resolution 598 of July 1987.

Fake passports to jail

LONDON, Sept. 26, (AP): A former official of the Irish embassy in London was jailed for 21 months yesterday for selling false passports to Middle East clients in return for cash and sexual favours.

Kevin McDonald, 35, charged up to £15,000 (\$24,000) for a £63 (\$100) passport and made £250,000 pounds (\$400,000) in six months, according to witnesses.

McDonald, who was the embassy's chief passport officer, pleaded guilty at Southwark crown court to conspiring with other unidentified persons to "corruptly agreeing" to obtain false passport between January 1986 and May 1987.

"In return for thousands of pounds (dollars) he supplied passports to virtually anyone, no matter how bogus or sham their applications were," said prosecutor Julian Bevan.

As well as cash, the official demanded sexual favours from Moroccan prostitutes to whom he sold passports and was photographed in bed with two of them, the prosecutor said.

Western media using double standards: Barges

Scanty coverage of intifada

LONDON, Sept. 26, (Kuna): Board Chairman and Director General of the Kuwait News Agency (Kuna) Barges Hmoud Al-Barges has lashed out at the Western media for its scanty coverage of the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories, despite the increasing numbers of Palestinians killed, injured, detained and deported.

The Western media gave distinguished coverage to the uprising in its first months, "but that concern has remarkable dwindled lately," Al Barges told Arabic magazine "Huna London" (This is London) in an interview. He affirmed that the Arab media have kept doing its job toward the intifada, despite their limited

capabilities. Barges said that the Western media are "undoubtedly advanced and play a prominent role in all facets of life," but he accused them of using double standards toward many issues and also siding with the West and Israel at the expense of objectivity, truth and justice.

In his interview, published in a special supplement on Kuwait, by the BBC publication, he affirmed that since the beginning of its transmission, Kuna dealt with events in complete neutrality and full awareness "and never forgot that it is a news agency that must serve facts in all honesty and integrity."

Barges affirmed, however, that Kuna is keen on not being "a source of abuse" to anyone, and stressed that it gives coverage even to all conflicting statements with proper attribution. Kuna's chief said that he is satisfied with the quality of work done by the agency, but added that there is always room for improvement to keep up with

the great achievements in the field of communications.

On the role of the Federation of Arab News Agencies (Fana), of which Barges is president, he said that the federation performs numerous positive activities, such as co-ordinating among the various agencies and holding meetings to discuss technical

and professional issues.

Barges added that the federation was able to accomplish an important feat five years ago, namely Fana service which is a unified Arab news broadcast from all Arab countries to Europe, indicating that a similar wire service to Asia was launched two years ago.

Municipality co-ordinates services of ministries

THE chairman of the Public Utilities and Services Sub-committee of Kuwait Municipality Ahmad Abdul Razzaq Al Askar has said that the committee's tasks involved co-ordination among the service ministries, and line up the services required for implementation.

The committee established the services needed for every project launched by a service ministry, and reviews the site of projects allocated by the municipality to sort out potential conflict of existing and proposed services during construction and implementation of planned works.

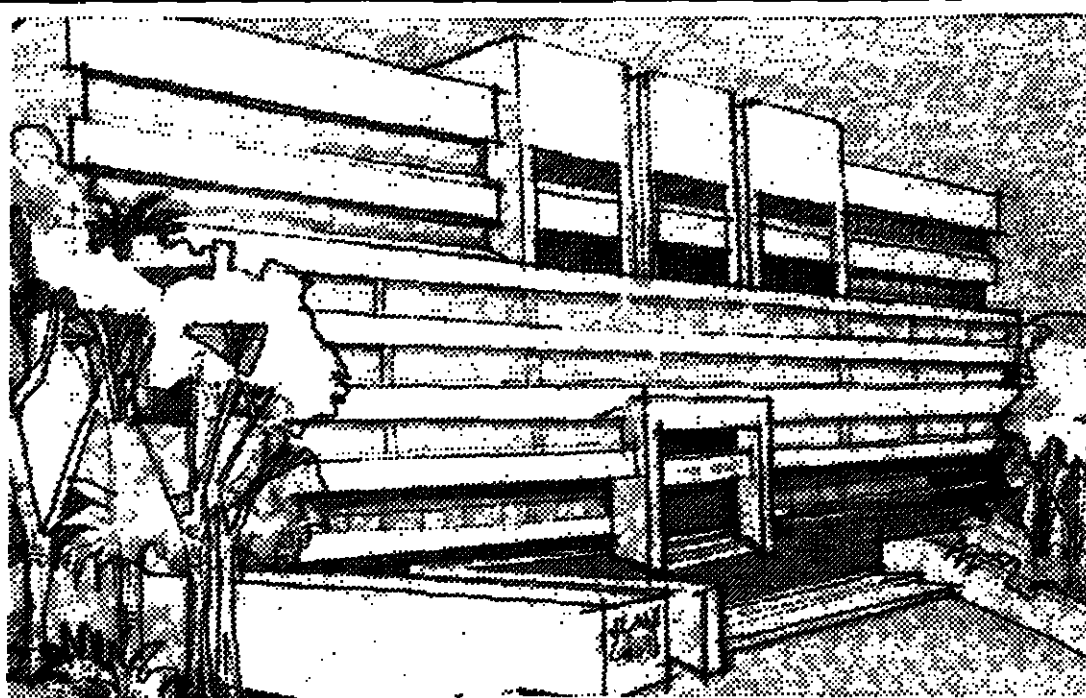
Special sessions were weekly held by the committee members with representatives from the involved ministries to discuss co-ordination of work, working maps and schemes before the start of execution. The committee would adopt the recommendations deemed essential for regulating work requirements throughout the execution of proposed works.

He pointed out that the committee had no authority to prevent any service ministry from upgrading, improving or developing their existing services, despite all road excavations. The Ministry of Communications telephone service continually developed its network efficiency, and the Ministry of Electricity and Water mended the water conveying pipes and electrical grid, including regular maintenance for such vital services.

He also said that the committee had held a series of meetings totalling 25 during the period from January to June 30, 1989 during which discussion focused on the proposed and urgent projects involving the review for 293 working maps.

Major topics discussed by the committee were the replacement of 26" diameter steel water pipes with 600 mm ductile iron pipes on the 6th Ring Road interchange with Subiya, the water supply from Sulabiya to Um Al Aish ground station, fire-fighting centre, interconnection with the proposed services for the National Housing Authority building in South Surrah and construction of 7 pedestrian flyovers in different locations alongside the Arabian Gulf streets.

Other projects discussed involved the fresh water supply project to the compact slaughter house, the installation of fuel lines at 2 metre diameter from the power plant in Doha up to the Water Department at the Ministry of Electricity and Water, the construction of proposed route for the electrical high-tension cables (33 KV) in Ain Baghzi area, and other related projects.



Artists' version of the new heart centre, which is being donated by Sheikh Saad.

Kuwait Heart Society lauds Premier's gesture

Centre to cost over KD 8m

KUWAIT Heart Society praised HH the Crown Prince's initiative in donating a specialised heart disease centre at his expense.

The society stressed the pressing need to establish a heart centre that will cover patients requirements indicating that heart diseases are the main cause of deaths in Kuwait.

Health officials stated that the total costs for establishing a heart centre exceeds the value of KD8 million. They cited that some officials called upon establishing this centre near the Medicine College in Jabriya but, the general consensus is that the area near the Chest Diseases Hospital is ideal.

They added that the proposed heart centre will be one of the largest centres in the region and will be built on a 18 metres square area. It will include an

outside clinic, a catheter centre, surgeries, medical care unit, a research centre, general meeting building, canteen, cafeteria and the administration building.

The sources added that the recent capabilities at the Chest Hospital in Sabah area is now unable to fulfill requirements particularly after the developments witnessed in treating heart diseases. They stressed that the constant increase of heart patients during the past few years resulted in some complications and difficulties with regards to treating patients and visitors at the same time.

1986 statistics indicate that the number of reported deaths caused by heart and arteries diseases reached 1365 representing a 30.9 per cent of total deaths in Kuwait.

Housing meet

TUNIS, Sept. 26, (Kuna): The council of Arab Housing Ministers started its ordinary eighth session here today under the chairmanship of the Minister of Public Works and Housing in Sudan El Hadi El Murdi.

Addressing the session, El Murdi welcomed the attendance of the Egyptian delegation whose membership was re-admitted after eight years of suspension because of Egypt's peace treaty with Israel.

Egypt was represented in the meeting by its Minister of Housing and Development Hasaballah Kafrawi. Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Kubi told the council that demand for government housing in the Arab world is way beyond available units. Some 1.5 million housing units are needed every year, he estimated.

Detailed studies

Child culture main issue at NCCAL

A LOCAL daily interviewed the General Secretary of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters, Farooq Al Omar who stressed that publishing a series of children books is one of the plans which the council aims at implementing. A detailed study was prepared for this purpose, but the project was not completed at the scheduled date, he said and added that due to the many new suggestions on this issue, the project is under study presently.

Concerning the children's theatre, Omar stated that it falls under the supervision of the Ministry of Information which has issued some decisions such as indicating children plays tickets prices in addition to two other ministerial decisions which called for the formation of a children plays evaluation committee and another censor committee. He added that Amal Al Ghanem, the head of the Child Culture Section at the council was chosen as a member of both committees.

The council will co-operate with the Ministry of Information in enhancing various activities of the child theatre. He indicated that the council has previously formed a committee which has specialised members to take over a study on the local child theatre and also present adequate proposals in this regard.

Omar stressed that child culture is one issue which enjoys great attention from the council aimed at developing its activities. The council through its Child Culture Section holds children drawing exhibitions and organises many children activities that include painting galleries for children, the annual Children Games and Books Festival and the Arab Children Paintings Exhibition which is held once every year in addition to other activities like co-operating with the Ministry of Communications to publish children paintings on postage stamps and participating in outside symposiums and conferences.

Omar added that the future plans designed by the council for child culture include preparation for the establishment of the Children Cultural Centre, forming a committee which evaluates children programmes on television and radio and establishing permanent sections for children games and books at government hospitals.

He indicated that it is difficult to organise an international exhibition for children games and books in Kuwait due to the small size of area provided for the displayed books and lack of utilities and capabilities to host an international exhibition.

He stressed that the council has strong links with the theatrical movement in the country built on understanding and interest to develop this important sector. The national council is also highly concerned about developing the formative arts movement in the country. It's first step in this field was establishing a special hall for modern art in Abdullah Al Salem Area. He indicated that Kuwait now owns a good starting point to open a modern arts museum with nearly 300 Kuwaiti artists paintings owned by the council.

Continuous education registration closes today

REGISTRATION at Community Service and Continuous Education of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training will close today. Both sexes of students are being registered at these programmes at the Dasman Complex.

A local daily interviewed a number of students who joined the Community Service Centre to highlight their experience in the field.

Seham Ibrahim decided to join the Community Service Centre after reading an advertisement in a journal announcing

some courses, Seham said that she is currently enrolled at Kuwait University Economy College in the third year and has a lot of leisure time. She registered at the English Language course to improve her speaking abilities and will join again next year if she felt that her English is improving during the coming course. She stressed that the certificate which she will obtain after completing the course will assist her in finding better job opportunities.

Hayfa Al Kandari said that she is 20 years old and is currently a student at the Commerce College of Kuwait University. She has strong interests in always learning new things and came to register at some courses after reading an advertisement in one of the journals.

She had previously registered at the Computer Amateurs Association and benefited a lot. It is her first time to register at the Community Service Centre and she is willing to register again at next courses if she feels it will positively contribute to her increased knowledge. Maha Bazzi was trying to register her

daughter at the Community Service Centre indicating that she has previously joined the computer course at the centre and gained from the experience. Therefore, she decided to encourage her daughter towards joining also. She said that her daughter has a diploma in statistics and is currently thinking to join a typing course at the centre to improve work opportunities. She indicated that these courses are very encouraging due to the fact that they are offered twice a week only.

Kuwait info policy aimed at building citizen: Jaber

LONDON, Sept. 26, (Kuna): Kuwait Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Ahmed has reiterated that Kuwaiti information policy is aimed at building the Kuwaiti citizen and developing his personality.

Sheikh Jaber, in a special supplement on Kuwait, carried yesterday by the London-based Arabic magazine "Huna London" of the BBC, highlighted the objectives of Kuwaiti media stressing that his country is open to the outside world and always accepts "constructive criticism" which aims at reform and construction.

The magazine quoted Sheikh Jaber as telling reporters of foreign and Arab media accredited to Kuwait, during a recent meeting, that "our permanent goal is to find out facts and publish them without distortion or exaggeration." He stated that "In Kuwait we do not work behind closed doors, and we never fear anybody in voicing the truth because our objectives are very clear and our minds and hearts are always open to others' remarks."

New service

The minister referred to the enormous technological development in the field of radio and TV industry which, he said, had made of the world "a small village," asserting that his ministry is very attentive on boosting Kuwait's radio and television.

He noted that Kuwait Radio at present is airing eight Arabic services and said a ninth broadcasting service in French language would be started soon.

Sheikh Jaber promised to furnish the radio and TV with the most up to date technology saying that more emphasis has to be made on producing local programmes.

He said the radio and TV have to lay an essential social, educational and developmental role beside their basic goal of informing the people on various aspects of activities in the country.

Industry suffers lack of qualified nationals

Call to develop Arab potential

DR ABDUL RAHMAN AL JAFFER, the newly elected secretary-general of the Gulf Industrial Consultancies Organisation (GOIC) has said that the organisation has been providing industrial expertise since its establishment 13 years ago to seven Gulf states, namely the GCC member states and Iraq, in order to assist industrial co-ordination and co-operation between these countries.

He told a local daily that the GOIC was established during a time of extraordinary economic boom in the mid-seventies when industrial projects were very high in demand with little expertise to support these projects. Consequently it became necessary to establish feasibility studies for setting up the GOIC and confine its objectives to collecting, co-ordinating and developing industrial data and identifying the right investment channels.

GOIC began collecting and providing industrial technical data, preparing feasibility studies, and co-ordinating different industrial projects launched in the region, while boosting the existing industries with technical assistance needed for development and to jack up their productivity whereby to be able to withstand the competition from international counterparts, Jaffer said.

He attached great importance to assisting existing industrial activities and optimising their production level as well as eliminating all standing obstacles, describing the process as the most important role for the GOIC in the current stage. The GOIC helps in order to cater to the present day requirements such as the need to diversify the income sources, uphold dependence on industrialisation as the primary option for boosting the development process and continually accumulating more industrial and professional expertise, he added.

Jaffer said that certain available indicators could help infer projections for the economic future of the region, such as the alternative energy resources, remained in the process of development and international oil discoveries still remain limited which meant that dependence on oil as the prime support of the regional economies could hold out for ten more years, and consequently all related oil-based industries would remain the second source of income after oil.

He pointed out that all Gulf states laid heavy emphasis on industrial development as the prime priority for diversifying the national income resources, and that governments in the area had therefore taken a giant step to establish different industries, while the private industrial sector shouldered its role in building the industrial base in the region.

The total returns of industrial investment up to 1988 was approximately \$27 billion, one third of which went to the private sector, with the petrochemical industries forming 36.2 per cent of the total value of investments, while building material and construction industries formed 16.2 and the recent of the percentages went to electrical food and other industries, he said.

The main negative elements associated with the rise of different industries included the establishment of industries that required high manpower rates in an area where such requirement was unavailable, or advanced high-tech industries which needed specialised labour force and others requiring high funding, amidst the lack for national high-trained or qualified cadres, Jaffer added.

He said that other such negativities involved the underdevelopment of the concept of research and development among national industrialists and the lack of crystallised con-

cepts of advertising, marketing and delivery.

However, he continued, the picture was nevertheless not that dark as things began to change for the better after a long period of inexperienced ups and downs in the industrial sector stretching over the past ten years, opening new vistas of competition in the region from which the sole beneficiary, the customer who could secure good products at reasonable competitive prices.

The prime problem here is that of unexploited production potentialities or the attempt by certain investors to establish a factory without having a minimum idea of what the market dealings are like, let alone the inability to conceive the strategies of marketing, distribution and competition.

However, he added, the Gulf investor had by the time accumulated adequate experience from his past errors and become more aware of the national problems and the industrial economic set-up, hence the future prospects are encouraging and filled with optimism.

The tasks undertaken by the GOIC included the collection and dissemination of information on existing industries, market requirements, of various products, evaluation of the current demand and supply, estimation of available investment opportunities and provision of needed technical and professional counsel to industrialists.

He pointed out that the co-operation and co-ordination in the field of industrialisation between the existing economic blocs in the Arab world was much easier and better than trying to effect the same co-ordination and integration among the 21 Arab countries, which would ultimately lead to the long-sought goal of improving the situation of the Arab individual.

Education ministry to reduce curriculum

THE Ministry of Education is currently studying proposals recommended by a study conducted by the Educational Research Centre to reduce essential curriculum of the primary stage, according to a local daily. The study called for cutting the size and number of books at the primary stage of education. It suggested that the current amount of books could be divided into two. Initially, students receive the first half at the beginning of the academic year and the second half at mid-year.

The study also proposed that primary schools should provide students with special book lockers to lighten the weight of books being carried from home to schools and vice versa. It indicated that many complaints have been received from parents saying that their children suffer through the whole school year by carrying heavy bags between classes and when going home.

The director of the Educational Research Centre, Issa Mohammed Jassan stated that due to the heavy weight of students' school bags students suffer a lot. He described the primary stage as very important in establishing students' educational fundamentals. He indicated that school bags at the primary stage represent nearly 20 per cent of the total students weight.

The study indicated that each of the students at the primary stage carry the equivalent of four textbooks and four notebooks daily. The study believes that the weight of books is indeed heavy for a student in the primary stage whose ages range between 6-10 years and they also lack group transportation facilities. The study indicated that 74.8 per cent of parents agree that the average weight of the bag adversely affects students growth rates.

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No plans to relocate airport

State pushing free zone: Mazidi

THE Minister of State for Services Affairs Issa Al Mazidi has denied any intention or plan to relocate Kuwait International Airport. He stressed that special budgetary allocations have been added to expand the airport capacity to 20 million passengers a year, instead of the current 5 million.

Speaking to a local daily, he said that the airport can now receive different kinds of aircraft, including the Concorde,

expressing high optimism for the prospects of the Kuwait ports which have recently shown a remarkable upturn in the various commercial, freight and navigational activities.

He said that the Public Ports Authority capital had been increased by KD17,530,000 which would be used to expand the existing facilities including the Shuaiba Port.

He added that the authority regularly upgraded its equip-

ment to meet work demand, particularly the loading and unloading of decks to keep pace with the constantly developing marine transport business.

Evaluation
The authority regularly evaluated the performance of all of its facilities and public ports, and there is a plan currently under consideration with the relevant authorities to expand its ports, to meet the increasing demand of the commercial and

transport business, as Kuwait's main imports were partly for local consumption and partly for re-exporting to the neighbouring countries, Mazidi said.

He added that the authority also developed the administrative policy of its different facilities to keep pace with developments in working technologies, administration techniques or manpower exploitation, whereby to simplify measures, keep developing com-

ponent departments and circulate senior officials among the various departments, whether as a result of establishing new or cancelling existing departments.

He said that proposed free zone project received first-rate attention from the government and that there is a wide-scale effort to push forward the preparation of the final studies for this facility which will serve the commercial activity in the whole region.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Amiri cables

KUWAIT, Sept 26, (Kuna): HH the Amir sent a congratulatory cable to the Yemen Arab Republic's President, Ali Abdullah Saleh on the occasion of his country's National Day.

Saad receives

KUWAIT, Sept 26, (Kuna): His Highness Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah today received Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jaber.

HH afterwards received Social Affairs Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed, Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Minister Khaled Ahmed Al Jasser, Electricity and Water Minister Homoud Al Rqobah and Kuwait Ambassador to Italy Ahmed Gheith Abdullah.

Iran visit

KUWAIT, Sept 26, (Kuna): Minister of Planning and Acting Health Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi is scheduled to visit Iran on Thursday to participate in the meetings of the 36th regional committee of the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Assistant Health Secretary for General Affairs Dr Ali Al Saif told Kuna that the east Mediterranean regional committee will discuss the report by regional director and will elect the office's authority.

He added that the conference will also discuss the acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), poliomyelitis, measles, paratyphoid as well as a report on the situation in the region.

Sabah receives

KUWAIT, Sept 26, (Kuna): Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed met today with Minister of Defence Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed, the Minister of Work and Social Affairs Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed, Minister of Education Anwar Al Nouri and the Swiss Ambassador to Kuwait Harald Bomer.

Romanian envoy

KUWAIT, Sept 26, (Kuna): Minister of Commerce and Industry Faisal Al Khalid met here today with the Romanian Ambassador Gheorghe Serbanescu.

The two discussed the existing commercial ties and ways to enhance co-operation between the two countries. The Romanian ambassador relayed an invitation to the minister to visit Romania.

The minister also met the Polish Charge D'Affaires Andrzej Gdula and discussed with him Poland's intention to hold a commercial week in Kuwait.

He also discussed with the Polish diplomat preparations being made for hosting the meetings of the Kuwaiti-Polish joint commercial committee which will take place in Warsaw in the middle of next week.

Civil defence meet

RIYADH, Sept 26, (Kuna): The third meeting of the directors of Civil Defence at the Gulf Co-operation Council came to an end today after approval of points on joint civil defence.

The meeting, during the last three days, looked into issues such as the relationship between insurance companies and civil defence institutions, the possibility of teaching civil defence in schools, and a report by Kuwait on Civil Defence operation rooms and technical specifications of shelters.

The conferees also discussed a report by Saudi Arabia on the results of a comprehensive survey of equipments available in GCC countries for civil defence.

Info committee

MUSCAT, Sept 26, (Kuna): GCC information and cultural affairs experts ended here last night two days of co-operation talks chaired by Omani Information Undersecretary for Media Affairs Hamad Bin Mohammed Al Rashidi.

The experts endorsed rescheduling cultural programmes as to be held in each GCC country yearly.



Salem receives W. German envoy

The Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah received at his office yesterday the Ambassador of West Germany Klaus Sonksen. Talks focused on the friendly relations between Kuwait and West Germany. Later, Sheikh Salem received the Ambassador of Kuwait to Egypt Abdul Razzak Al Kandiri.

State housing

No increase in loans: Roudhan

THE Minister of Housing Naser Al Roudhan has denied any intention on the government's part to increase the amount of loan offered to citizens to build their own houses.

Speaking for a daily newspaper, he said that the KD 54,000 loan was an adequate sum for covering the construction cost of a decent building project commensurate with the citizen's requirements.

All those responsible for making substantial changes in the facades of their houses have to face the penalty of having their houses withdrawn and a number of houses had already been withdrawn for failure of their owners to comply with the conditions stipulated by the law, he said.

The National Housing Authority (NHA) had taken special care while designing these houses to allow for potential extension, which made the designs flexible enough to meet any future expansion in the house. However some citizens had inflicted serious damage to major components of their houses and impaired the general outlook in the process which entailed withdrawal of the house allotted, Roudhan said.

NHA employed a scientific approach in drawing up its housing policy, whereby it could cater to the current housing requirements, including taking into account the constant population growth and density percentages in certain areas, Roudhan said.

He also said that the housing policy is also based on the results of studies defining the area of land available for use in the housing projects, and the projected financial allocations to be set aside for this purpose and the right of posterities to decent housing care.

The process demanded the participation of the private sector in the various design, construction and supervision of all housing projects. This will contribute to renewed sales in the local market and to accord priority of purchase of locally produced building material followed by Gulf and Arab products.

He pointed out that every housing plan reflected the requirements and requisites of contemporary social and economic conditions, while attempting to vary the types of housing units built on differing areas to meet the requirements of the average Kuwaiti family.

This has resulted in a variety of house designs, facades and components, and that due to the scarcity of building lands around the metropolitan centre of the country, it was felt incumbent to rationalise the use of lands, optimise use of close located lands and sponsor studies aiming to plan the construction of fully-integrated housing towns with all needed services and public utilities.



UAE police delegation

The undersecretary of Interior Ministry Major General Yousef Al Khorafi received in his office yesterday delegation of UAE Police Academy on the occasion of their visit to Kuwait. The delegation which consists of three officers and 15 cadets began their visit to Kuwait September 22nd. The visit aims at inspecting utilities and academic system of Kuwait's Police Academy.

The head of the delegation presented a memorial gift to Maj. General Al Khorafi.

Police file 3 arrested for stealing gold jewellery

CRIMINAL Investigation personnel at the Capital Governorate arrested three Indians identified as Naja S. (male) and two women identified as Raja B and Rajdi H for stealing gold ornaments and a purse from an Indian woman.

Sources said that the man took by force all the contents from the victim's purse.

Investigations conducted successfully resulted in the arrest of the three accused and the recovery of the stolen articles.

All the accused have been referred to investigation authorities.

Accident

A MAN and a woman were reported to have been injured in road accidents that occurred in the three governorates during the last 24 hours. Two accidents occurred in the Capital, 6 in Ahmadi and two in Jahra.

Amir's visit to Iraq fruitful

By Ahmed Al Jarallah

IN THE international airspace between Baghdad and Paris on board the Amir's plane, it needed no extraordinary effort to read the fruitful outcome that emanated from the three-day visit of HH the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah to Iraq.

The success of HH the Amir's visit to Iraq constitutes or rather bodes well for the second leg of his visit to Paris. We can, in all candour, confirm that the talks between Jaber and Saddam have set up a framework of positive basis for boosting of bilateral relations between the two sisterly and neighbouring countries, relations which have been rooted and strengthened over the years. The success of the talks will shortly be reflected on the high quality of bilateral relations between the two sisterly countries.

The volume of success was easily discernable from the satisfaction displayed on the faces of the Kuwaiti and Iraqi leaderships and the participating delegations. This level of satisfaction was visibly increasing with each meeting between Jaber and Saddam.

Commenting on this satisfaction, one Iraqi official told the Arab Times that relations between Iraq and Kuwait are more firmly rooted than what some people like to believe. He added: "We in the light of this fact cannot disagree with Kuwait at any time."

Some members of the Iraqi political leadership commented that the importance of HH the Amir's visit to Iraq had been confirmed by President Saddam Hussein who suspended all his programmes during HH the Amir's visit to Baghdad. This reflects the importance that Jaber Al Ahmed occupies in the emotions of the Iraqi leadership. This importance accorded HH the Amir is an appreciation of his attitudes towards Arab causes, Muslims and world issues.

Exchange sentences upheld

By Sayed Usman

THE Court of Higher Appeal upheld a number of sentences issued by the Court of First Instance against owners of a money exchange firm on charges of accepting deposits and practising banking activities without having a licence.

The owners in their dispositions at the hearings held by the Court of First Instance had claimed that the director of the firm was responsible for these actions. They further argued that the firm is registered as having a limited liability which translated, according to them, meant that partners could not be punished. They claimed that the firm did not accept bank deposits, but loans.

However, in issuing judgement the Court of Higher Appeal rejected their contention and added that the director of the firm could not unilaterally have accepted deposits or determine interest rates on these deposits without obtaining prior approval of partners (owners of the firm).

generally looked down in Kuwait and the Arab world in general. The ministry is trying to redress this issue by encouraging citizens to join this profession by giving them more bonuses and by altering the title of postmen.

The Civil Service Commission is also endeavouring to find other positive means to attract a larger number of applicants, the official



Deceased pilot (left) First Lt. Musleh Mohammed Musleh Al Muteiri and injured co-pilot (right) Second Lt. Khalaf Abdel Aziz Al Shimmari.

Pilot killed in Kuwait military helicopter crash

KUWAIT, Sept 26, (Agencies): A Kuwaiti military helicopter on a training flight crashed near the Iraqi border today, killing the pilot and injuring an officer, the Defence Ministry said.

It said in a statement that First Lieutenant Musleh Mohammed Musleh Al Muteiri died when the helicopter crashed in the

Bubiyan area "while he was carrying out his daily routine training."

Second Lieutenant Khalaf Abdel Aziz Al Shimmari who was accompanying Muteiri was injured and was taken to the military hospital for treatment.

The statement gave no details about the type of helicopter or

cause of the crash. Bubiyan, an island which lies close to Iraq's Faw peninsula is used as a military base.

The Defence Ministry extends its sincere condolences to the family of Muteiri, the statement said. It also said that the ministry hopes the injured officer recovers soon from his injuries.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

Repatriation of dead a daunting affair

IT appears that death for some expatriate workers in this country is a cruel and expensive affair. In this modern age where all aspects of life are increasingly and indelibly linked to commercialism even the dead are not spared from the wheeling and dealing of the world of business. For indeed everything has a price. The dead are no exception. The process of repatriation of a foreign worker's dead body to his home country is a daunting one. Foremost among a host of things to be considered is the question of cost. Nowadays it seems that even corpses are not immune from the fiercely competitive market of the cargo industry where everything is priced on weight. Therefore whether one sends a cargo of apples or a dead body of a human being the cost remains the same.

Over the last few months the number of expatriate workers who have expired in Bahrain have increased. Usually as per the wishes of the family of the deceased or relatives the body is transported back to the home country for burial or cremation. According to Bahraini law the responsibility of arranging the repatriation of a dead expatriate's body lies with his or her sponsor. However, sadly in recent times often this has not been the case. Some sponsors or employers have expressed their inability to do the needful for lack of funds or so they claim.

Efforts

In such cases it is left to the humanitarian efforts of social and welfare organisations, close friends and fellow workers of the deceased to raise the funds required to repatriate the body. A general appeal is made to the community of the deceased in the island to contribute in this regard. Donation may also come from various sources in the wake of media reports.

The embassy representing the dead expatriate's country also participates in resolving the issue of hand.

Some expatriates who die here, mainly poor labourers and other low income workers are buried or cremated in Bahrain at the request of their families back home who are too poor to pay for repatriation costs.

Concern

The question of repatriation of a dead expatriate's corpse has become a serious issue of great concern following the death of an Indian labourer early this year in the island. The dead man's body was kept in the Salmaniya Medical Centre's morgue for six months as there seemed to be no money to send his body back to India. The employers of the deceased refused to pay for repatriation costs as the worker concerned was employed illegally on a free-visa. Finally it was left to an Indian social organisation to raise the required sum to make the necessary arrangements.

Meanwhile, the body of a Bangladeshi worker who died here last month is still in the morgue. The dead man's wife has requested his body to be sent back home. Until now no one either claimed not to know anything about this case or simply never bothered to do anything about it. The Bangladesh embassy has finally agreed to look into the case and organised to investigate and do the needful.

Some major airlines in Bahrain have expressed their keenness to consider reducing normal freight charges for dead bodies. Air India responded by agreeing to charge less for repatriating bodies of Indian expatriates in Bahrain. But exactly how much less has not been finalised yet.

Deep ties

RIYADH, Sept 26, (Kuna): King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia affirmed the deep-rooted Saudi-Kuwait relationship in a statement to Saudi citizens during a reception last night that also tackled situation in the Arab arena.

The monarch, quoted by the Saudi Press Agency yesterday, affirmed that Riyadh's relationship with Kuwait is stronger than any plots or schemes.

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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

MORAL indignation is jealousy with a halo — H.G. Wells, English writer-historian (1866-1946).

OPINION

Amir's thoughts all-encompassing

WHEN two leaders share the same thoughts, composition of sentences and diplomatic verbiage do not arise. These touch morals of countries, obligations of leaders and arriving at decisive policies.

When our Amir replied to the French President Francois Mitterrand, he (who is a poet, a writer and a nationalist besides being a politician) introduced us to this big international power by citing our vital role on the international arena which we gained through suffering, patience and enduring hardships to stand by our firm commitment to principles and to adhere to our independent view to issues.

Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed replied the president of a great power with words that deserve commendation. His speech was not given to emotions, but reflected an objective and practical mind articulated to address actualities of situations — irrespective of happiness or sadness.

The Amir gave President Mitterrand a backdrop of our stands which have no room for disputes. Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed's thought are for all and are not intended for a certain group or sect. Basically, he intended to deliver the message that when disputes are resolved, no other views or opinions become necessary.

The Amir gave Mitterrand a human programme in which we firmly believe and which are adopted in our policies. These encompass progress, international co-operation, human rights as well as facing and resisting oppression.

This was the beginning of expounding of friendly relations prior to explaining what it encompasses:

- How we understand relations and how we organise them;
- How we understand the geopolitical power of France.

Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed suggested having a positive and constructive dialogue between the new Western civilisation and the Islamic civilisation. This dialogue should not focus on theoretical studies and historical links between two civilisations, but should expand to have practical relations between them and their people.

We, the Islamic world are neighbours of France from South and East. Our areas are the areas of civilisations besides being the place of the three heavenly religions in which all prophets lived. The relations between the two civilisations witnessed periods of peaceful dialogue and periods of fierce and violent clashes.

Now, we want to strengthen relations of friendship and peace to form the bases of freedom of faith and co-operation and respect. Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed has acknowledged that it is easy for France to contact other European countries due to its power and strategic site and can well be a catalyst to performing this role: a basic role in dialogue between two civilisations.

The bridge that is being built by Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed between the two countries will ensure the rights of human beings. Kuwait, which is a small country by way of population has a great role to play in the area and will not be afraid to unify with a strong power or powers. By this, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed wants to tell Mitterrand that their meeting is held for the welfare of the human being and for small and poor societies. He wants to indicate that the international crisis of debts is the Bastille of our present age and forms the most significant symbol of oppression.

Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed's speech also included the problems that threaten environment. It also included the question of the Palestinian prisoners and their national rights, the war in Lebanon and his fervent hope that Lebanon's problems will be solved within the framework of national unity.

Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed came to France not to display the wealth of Kuwait, but to explain its proposals and thoughts on what we want for ourselves and likewise for the world.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Majority of Afghan refugees staying put

ABDUL AZIZ is making his way home after years in a Pakistani refugee camp.

"I came across the border one night in a truck with other refugees," he said through an interpreter.

"I didn't ask for permission and nobody gave me permission," he said, sitting on bundles of clothes stacked up near a UN food truck in Kabul.

A hundred recently arrived refugees were waiting for their names to be called by an official with the United Nations refugee agency who was handing out food packages.

The majority of the five million Afghan refugees living in neighbouring Iran and Pakistan are staying put.

Aid workers say there are powerful inducements keeping Afghan refugees in the camps.

Many are reluctant to return to a civil war that appears to have no end in sight. Mujahedeen fighters sometimes stop refugees attempting to return. And most international aid is funnelled to Pakistan, providing an enduring safety net.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1540 — Pope Paul confirms Jesuit order.
- 1615 — Lady Arabella Stuart dies in tower of London.
- 1818 — Conference opens at Aix-La-Chapelle between Austria, Prussia, Russia, France and Britain to discuss French war indemnity payments.
- 1854 — First great disaster to an Atlantic Ocean liner occurs when steamship Arctic sinks with 300 people aboard.
- 1923 — Martial law is declared in Germany.
- 1938 — League of Nations brands Japan an aggressor in China.
- 1940 — Germany, Italy and Japan sign 10-year military and economic pacts, setting up Berlin-Rome-Tokyo axis.
- 1945 — Congress Party and Muslim League win most seats in elections for India's central legislative assembly.
- 1959 — Typhoon batters Japanese island of Honshu, killing almost 5,000 people.
- 1962 — Army stages coup in Yemen, and Colonel Abdulla El-Sallah becomes premier.
- 1970 — Jordan's King Hussein and Al Fatah commando leader Yasser Arafat meet in Cairo with 10 Arab chiefs of state and sign 14-point agreement ending civil war in Jordan.
- 1988 — Soviet Union, at United Nations, calls on United States, to join Moscow in creating a world space organization.



An injured female student is carried out of Tiananmen Square as the military advanced with troops and tanks in June. (Reuter wirephoto)

Communists celebrate 40th anniversary

Chinese still under the yoke

AS THE People's Republic of China turns 40, the communist nation will celebrate on Oct 1 its birthday with its success measured by the promise of the past decade — and its failures by the disaster of the past four months.

When a triumphant Mao Tse-Tung mounted the Imperial Palace rostrum overlooking Tiananmen Square on Oct 1, 1949, and proclaimed the founding of new China, he also declared symbolically the end of the oppression and backwardness of the old China.

Yet when Mao's heirs preside over 40th anniversary ceremonies from the same podium Oct 1, the burden of a 5,000-year history may still be holding the world's most populous nation and its 1.1 billion people from the 20th century.

A decade of free enterprise, modernisation and the "open door" under senior leader Deng Xiaoping has brought prosperity and advances that were almost unthinkable during the first 30 years. But it has not eliminated one-man rule and lockstep governing, nor wiped out oppression and backwardness.

That was illustrated in June beneath the old imperial rostrum, when the same Deng Xiaoping sent the Army to crush pro-democracy protests in Tiananmen Square that spread to most major cities in the greatest challenge to four decades of communist rule.

Because past upheavals like the 1966-1976 Cultural Revolution have been more cataclysmic, much of China has been unaffected by the spring events. Life among its 800 million rural dwellers plods on, with politics only important for its economic impact.

But in terms of China's chosen path of modernisation and internationalisation, never have such high expectations been so punctured. Never had the world, accustomed to the image of pandas, been able to watch the real China, live on television.

"The consequences of modernisation really came home to roost," observed a senior Western diplomat with long China experience. "Nobody's making comparisons to 1949 any more. They're comparing China to Taiwan, to Hong Kong."

"For many people, material gains are also not enough. And what's also different this time are the consequences of the action in the world arena. Everybody saw what China did."

Outwardly, for a country in virtual isolation and economic ruin 15 years ago, China's progress has been almost breathtaking.

The nation has emerged as a world power, participating in most major international organisations and restoring relations with both superpowers. Even sanctions imposed by foreign nations after the June crackdown are not expected to have permanent effect.

At home, Chinese have video recorders, Coca-Cola, Kentucky Fried Chicken, high heels and the

music of Michael Jackson. Moribund communes have been replaced by private farming, many inefficient state factories supplanted by profitable private business.

Foreigners have travelled, studied and invested \$13 billion in China in ventures ranging from oil to Riz crackers. Trade and investment were hurt after June, but the China market has always been a near irresistible lure — and Beijing knows it.

"Some of our friends want to watch and wait," observed Rong Yiren, chairman of China International Trust and Investment Corp., the country's leading trading conglomerate. "But I believe they will soon come back and do business here."

Internationally, however, China has found itself unable to cope.

The economy, trapped between communism and capitalism, is troubled by inflation, corruption and widening income gaps, all unwelcome results of liberalisation.

Rather than confront the crisis directly, the government is rolling back reforms as it struggles to rein in its free-wheeling provinces after years of ceding authority to them.

Beyond a few bright spots, culture has stagnated under the weight of repeated campaigns for political purity. Intellectuals and scientists remain second-class citizens.

Society is also changing. Begging, prostitution, crime and other ills have reappeared. Freedom of choice has widened, but so have suicide, divorce and discomfort at moving from Marxism's safe lethargy to the market's risky business.

"People are a bit anxious," acknowledged Ji Naipu, an associate editor at the government's Xinhua News Agency. "They see advanced things in foreign countries, but neglect our own achievements."

"Young people especially have the illusion that China will become a modern country overnight. But we won't solve the problems in a short time."

A key in the solution, political leadership, is in grave doubt. The old revolutionaries are giving way to younger technocrats who are so uninspiring that a foreign envoy has branded them "the generation of midges."

The Communist Party, now with 48 million members, has acknowledged a loss of prestige. But rather than address the challenges posed by the protests this spring, the leaders reverted to tighter control and blamed foreign influences for the mess.

Worse, despite the harm to a generation of young people in the Cultural Revolution, China is again venting its rage on its youth, sending them to military training and to the countryside.

In east Beijing, a young artist whose major offense during the spring protests was painting them is now in hiding. Police have harassed his family, and confiscated his paintings.

"I hate our government," he spat recently during a



Deng Xiaoping: oppression

guarded conversation. "I wish the United States would drop an atom bomb on them."

So what has China achieved, and what does the future hold?

Living standards have risen, but the nation still faces daunting challenges in health, housing, education and poverty. Its population control efforts have succeeded only in cities and the goal of limiting population to 1.2 billion by the year 2000 has been jettisoned.

China has launched 25 satellites and hopes to build a space shuttle in the next century. Yet its 250 million urban residents have only 4 million telephones, fewer than in New York.

Modernisation has posed new challenges, such as an aging population and environmental pollution. The government must also address restiveness among some of its 56 minority nationalities, from Muslims in the remote west to riot-scarred Tibet.

Whether the country will rise to the challenges is unclear, but a recent episode leaves more foreboding than optimism. (Beijing — UPI)

Four decades of change



Mao Tse-Tung: leader

WANG Jiyin sat back on the "kang," the heated brick platform bed common to most rural homes in north China. Lighting a long-stemmed pipe, he recounted his chance meeting with Mao Tse-Tung more than 45 years ago. At the time, Mao was leading his guerrilla army on its final push toward Beijing near this town in Shanxi province, through the mountains southwest of the capital. The communist leader decided to detour to Wutai Mountain's well-preserved Buddhist monasteries.

Now 78, Wang was then a young porter, carrying firewood and supplies up the mountain to remote temples. On his way one day he noticed a group of strangers gathered around a blind fortune-teller.

The tallest man took a paper from the fortune-teller, but could not read it. His comrades snatched the paper from his hand and read it aloud, and the tall man broke into a smile, Wang recalled.

"The fortune read: The sea is quiet and the river is clear, a traditional omen of victory in China," Wang said. "The tall man shook the fortune-teller's hand, and mine as well, and then the group moved off. I only learned later that it was Chairman Mao."

"Old horse," Wang, as his neighbours call him because he refuses to retire, has lived through most of the violent upheavals China has endured this century. His experience mirrors that of the communist nation as it marks its 40th anniversary Oct 1.

Born in 1911, he has lived all his life in the poor mountainous region. A wheat-producing area, it has often been plagued by famine as it can only produce a summer crop before the early autumn frost.

After China's last imperial regime fell in 1911, Shanxi province was controlled by a ruthless warlord. Wang fought the Japanese in the early 1940s and later joined the Communist Army. Its victory in 1949 brought the first peace to Wutai Mountain in years.

Wang was designated an overseer of the communist land reform programme. His loyalty to the new government was swiftly tested when party officials dubbed the Buddhist monks on Wutai Mountain members of the "exploiting class" and targeted them for persecution.

"Most people in this area are Buddhists and they secretly protected the monks," he sighed. "Finally the government sent a work group from Beijing who treated the monks very harshly. There were a lot of executions."

People were basically satisfied through the first decade, he said. But then came Mao's disastrous 1959-61 great leap forward, when land was collectivized and peasants organized into production teams to farm and work backyard industries in rapid development.

Peasants cut down much of the forests on the nearby mountains, denuded to this day, to fuel local steel furnaces, Wang said.

"That was a disaster that can never be undone," Wang said, shaking his head.

When the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution descended, radical leftists attacked everything old and pushed their version of Utopia. Wang was accused of "corruption" for having received a small bonus for arranging a deal for a factory manager.

He endured public criticism sessions. His property and family possessions were confiscated. But he survived.

Since the introduction of free enterprise reforms a decade ago, life in the village has improved significantly, Wang said.

Most of the people in the valley now own a television, and there are many ways to earn extra money. Tourists bring dollars, you can contract land or work in a factory, and the people in this area are known for their building skills and travel throughout the province doing construction work," he explained.

"The peasants never liked the collective system," he added. "You got the same pay whether you worked or not, and it was contrary to the Chinese custom of taking care of your family first."

Since the crackdown on the democracy movement in June, however, he said the effects of repression had begun to be felt in Wutai. Because students protested in the provincial capital, some local leaders have had to participate in political study sessions.

(Wutai Mountain, China — UPI)

Art Buchwald

Burning problem

CONGRESS has been hard at work trying to come up with a constitutional amendment that makes it illegal to burn the American flag. It is a hot topic for legislation. This is particularly true since there has been no movement in Congress on any other issues.

Campaign managers are now hard at work thinking of ways to make their candidate's opponents look like flag abusers. The obvious television commercial is a burning flag in the street with a voice-over saying: "Wait! Wallemmer couldn't care less that someone set fire to your flag. It's no surprise since flag burning is something he has practiced since he got into politics."

Make no mistake about it. The campaign is going to get dirty and old glory is going to be the issue.

There is one problem with all this. There has been no reported flag-burning incident in the United States for two years.

When Jackal, who is running Cumberstone's campaign, went to the TV station to buy a piece of flag-burning film for his commercial, he was informed no new footage existed.

Rothmeyer, the head of the station, told him: "Nobody seems to be burning flags these days. They are shooting people, sticking them up, throwing rocks at each other, and setting fire to cars — but not to the flag. Our field producers have assured demonstrators that if they burn the flag we'll guarantee that their demonstration will get on the evening news, but we have yet to find anyone who will go to the trouble."

Jackal said: "I can't believe it. How can we pass a constitutional amendment desecrating the flag when no one will do it?"

"You have a problem," the station manager admitted. "We have some footage of flag burning from the anti-Vietnam war demonstrations. But the colour is faded and it looks dated."

Jackal agreed. "That wouldn't work because we want to show that flag burning is a clear and present danger."

"We have shots of people into dope and arson and white-collar crime coming out of our ears. We even have groups hanging the vice-president in effigy. We have pictures of street gangs shooting automatic submachine guns, but for some reason we have no flag abusers on tape. This is a real surprise because you hear nothing but speeches from politicians on flag burning."

Jackal said: "We had the same problem during the communist witch hunts. Everyone was against communists but we didn't have any. Do you know what we did? We invented them. We had the entire country believing there was a communist in every garage. We can do the same with the flag burners. If there aren't any, we'll invent them."

"Does this mean you will have phony flag torchers in your commercials?"

"If that is the only way to get a constitutional amendment, then it must be done. Maybe they aren't burning the American flag today — but tomorrow they will, and then we'll have the law on the books to protect us."

"But if you burn the flag to make your commercial, won't you be desecrating it?"

"I'd only be doing it to make a patriotic point."

"Which is?"

"My country — right or wrong."

Los Angeles Times Syndicate

Quote me

"Ben Johnson is treated as the greatest basketball player in the world. But for me he remains the Olympic champion for the good reason that you will never make a thoroughbred from a mule, whatever you inject him with. People always talk of doping but no-one ever talks about hormonal deficiencies, which are perhaps equally dangerous." — Dr. Francis Bello, French sports medicine specialist, on the need for steroid taking by athletes and defending Ben Johnson.

"I'm glad you (journalists) came to inform the world about the situation. World opinion will protect us from the Khmer Rouge — I'm not so sure about our Army." — Young worker expressing his appreciation for services rendered Cambodia by international media.

"I was used to life in Cambodia. I feel like a child leaving his parents." — Nguyen Dinh Ly, a Vietnamese soldier expressing his fears about the future in Vienna.

"All friends of Lebanon, her neighbours and all those who have a share in the faith there, unite so that arms no longer arrive and we don't get caught in the vicious circle of the way of conflict being replaced by a process of dialogue and negotiation." — Pope John Paul II calling on the international community to help silence the guns in Lebanon through dialogue.

"Let your voices be heard and even more unite your efforts with those who demand for Lebanon the right to live, to live in freedom, peace and dignity... May God find us, both Muslims and Christians, together at the bedside of our Lebanese brethren as they lie wounded in spirit and in body." — Pope John Paul II appealing to Muslims to help Lebanon.

"The disappearance of Lebanon would undoubtedly be one of the world's greatest tragedies. Its preservation is one of the most urgent and noble tasks which the world is called to take up in our day." — Pope John Paul II urging Muslims to help preserve Lebanon.

"No-one has issued me any ultimatum that I will be fired if I lose in Warsaw. I don't know what will happen in Barcelona if we don't get through to the second round. We may win, we may lose, but life is such that it's not worth losing." — Former Dutch international and Barcelona coach, Johann Cruyff giving his assessment of the upcoming Barcelona against Legia Warsaw in the first round, second leg Cup Winners Cup match.

"We'll make it only if we don't make a serious error in defence. Our players are practising penalties in all training sessions but I hope we don't have to take any." — Rudolf Kapera, Legia Warsaw coach on his club's preparations against Barcelona in the European Cup Winners' Cup football match.

"I find it amazing Gower has been left out. Whoever is responsible for that decision will live to regret it. You need experience out there. You don't go to the test arena in the world and not take your best players available. My heart wishes them well, but my brain tells me 5-0." — Ian Botham of England predicting a 5-0 whitewash of England by the West Indies for not selecting David Gower for a cricket tour of the West Indies next year.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

IMF appeals to banks as resistance grows to debt strategy

East-West thaw opens way for growth

Devaluation of franc opposed

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26, (AP) — French Finance Minister Pierre Bérégovoy said today he opposes devaluing the franc against the West German mark, arguing that a devaluation would not decrease the surplus of French imports from Germany over exports.

Talking to reporters yesterday, he noted that such a reduction of the price of the franc in terms of the West German mark has been tried in the past, but said it did not change the situation because the French deficit is structural.

He suggested that more could be done if the West German government opened its markets further to French exports, and reduced subsidies to its own industry.

Bérégovoy stayed close to the position of the Group of Seven on the dollar.

"You can put it simply," he said. "The dollar is a little too high, but it should not be too low. So find something in between.... In 1984 it was different. It was the time when the predecessor of Mr. (then Treasury Secretary James A.) Baker was talking about the great wind of market forces unfolding over the world, and the following year we heard Mr. Baker say that we should control this."

"That means that money is not a commodity like others, that international monetary authorities and governments have their word to say."

Bérégovoy endorsed the plea of managing director Michel Camdessus for a doubling of the \$120 billion of resources in the International Monetary Fund but suggested that a consensus may put the increase at two-thirds. He noted that a controversy about the place each member country should have in contribution and voting strength is complicating the decision.

KD deposit rates steady in quiet trade

KUWAIT, Sept. 26, (Reuters) — Kuwaiti dinar interbank deposit rates were steady in quiet trade today ahead of a new issue of 150 million dinars of Kuwaiti treasury bills.

Dealers said they did not believe the treasury bill issue would have much impact on the market as a previous issue was being rolled over on the same day.

"It's very quiet, there's hardly any movement at all," one dealer said.

Overnight funds were taken at eight per cent, after offers of 8-1/2 per cent. Tomorrow-next, spot-next and one-week were all steady at 8-1/4, 7-3/4.

Fixed period rates were barely changed, with the one-month put at 8-7/16, 3/16 per cent and three-months to one-year at 8-7/16, 1/4.

The Central Bank adjusted its dinar exchange rate firmer to 0.29787/97 to the dollar from 0.29892/902 on Monday. Commercial banks quoted spot rates of 0.29795/29810.

Foreign trade surplus down

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, Sept. 26, (AP) — Malaysia recorded a foreign trade surplus of 4,364 billion ringgits (\$1,623 billion) in the first half of this year, 31.1 per cent lower than the 6,334 billion ringgits (\$2,355 billion) chalked up in the first half of last year, figures released by the government statistics department showed today.

The department said exports rose by 23.0 per cent to 31,856 billion ringgits (\$11,847 billion) in the six months of this year, while imports rose by 40.5 per cent to 27,491 billion ringgits (\$10,223 billion) for the same periods.

Imports of machinery and transport equipment at 12,644 billion ringgits (\$4,702 billion), accounted for 46.0 per cent of all imports.

EEC proposes \$300m new aid for Hungary, Poland

BRUSSELS, Sept. 26, (Reuters) — The European Economic Community has earmarked \$325 million next year to help Hungary and Poland reform their ailing economies, a community spokesman said today.

The proposal was announced at a meeting of experts from 24 countries called to organise the Western industrialised world's support for reform in the two countries, the spokesman for the community's executive commission told a news briefing.

The commission called on the 12 non-community countries at the meeting, including Japan and the United States, to match its commitment and take total and over \$650 million.

A message to the meeting, commission president Jacques Delors said the two countries had made remarkable progress in

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26, (Reuters) — World Bank president Barber Conable said today the new spirit of East-West détente sweeping through world politics opened up the way for a decade of prosperity and growth.

But he warned that it would be impossible to improve the quality of life unless rich and poor nations cut huge military spending and did more to protect the environment.

"As we begin the new decade, the potential for progress is great," Conable said in a speech to the opening session of the annual World Bank and International Monetary Fund meeting.

"The political and ideological

forces which have polarised the world for half a century are diminishing."

But he said poor nations were spending \$200 billion a year on arms. Military budgets in the mid-1980s outstripped spending on health and education combined and were often a prime reason for large foreign debts.

"All countries have the sovereign right and responsibility to defend themselves," Conable said. "But let us hope that in the changing political climate of the 1990s, resources are increasingly allocated to more productive purposes."

Developing nations had to adopt sound policies and turn their back on "white elephant

projects in industry" and stop diverting scarce resources to luxuries for select groups.

The 1980s, Conable said, had been a painful decade for many developing nations in Latin America and Africa but a new recognition of the pressures that bind countries together and desire for peace augured well for the next decade.

Conable said the World Bank's challenge was to improve the quality of life for hundreds of millions of poor worldwide, overcome stagnation in Africa, poverty in Asia and move beyond the \$400 billion debt paralysis of Latin America.

He said international co-operation was essential to reduce

the dangers of global warming but industrial nations had to bear the brunt of responsibility since they accounted for 75 per cent of all carbon dioxide emissions.

The bank is planning to lend \$1.3 billion over the next few years for projects to protect the environment. Half of all projects in the past year contained specific components aimed at the environment.

But Conable said the Third World's \$1.3 trillion debt burden represented a major obstacle to development, adding: "We are far from the end of the debt crisis."

International Monetary Fund managing director Michel Camdessus told banks to pull their

weight and lend to the Third World, but many banks have said they want to do just the opposite.

Camdessus also said continuing budget deficits threatened world economic stability and he sounded a strong warning about the dangers of inflation.

The IMF annual meetings bring together leading bankers and top financial officials from more than 150 countries and provide a forum for discussion of the crucial economic questions of the day.

Seven years after Mexico said it could not pay back its loans in 1982, developing nation debt is still high on the agenda with attention focusing on a plan to

ease the crisis launched in March by US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady.

Camdessus told the IMF assembly that commercial banks should support the Brady plan and said they needed to reaffirm their commitment to continued new lending.

"The banks should not think that reticence on their part will lead to a larger contribution from the multilateral organisations," he said.

But bankers' reactions to the first test-case under the Brady plan, a proposal to reduce Mexican debts worth \$34 billion, have shown that they want to cut the loans but not put up any extra cash.

In comments so far on the sidelines of the IMF meeting, three West German banks have said they will not provide fresh money for Mexico.

In comments on the world economy, Camdessus praised industrial nations for taking a firm stand on inflation, but he added: "The dangers have not been eliminated and until it is clear that inflation has abated, a firm anti-inflationary monetary policy is clearly essential."

It was essential that governments reduced budget deficits. "This task is particularly urgent in the United States where the private savings rate is now very low," he said.

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Oil markets stable: study

Non-Opec producers to meet

LONDON, Sept. 26, (Kuna) — Global oil markets are remarkably well-balanced going into this winter and can readily absorb about 22-million barrels a day of Opec crude oil production, in the fourth quarter of 1989, according to a survey by a respected publication.

Petroleum Intelligence Weekly said that its assessment suggests that there is a high degree of consensus among analysts, who see little likelihood of oil markets being under pressure during the next several months, provided that Opec's output holds around current rates.

The New York-based publication, which is widely read here, said in its latest issue today that, despite the rosy near-term outlook, "market stability will be

tested once again early next year when oil buying begins in the usual seasonal decline from its winter peak."

Market requirements for Opec crude in the first half of 1990 are forecast at around 21-million BPD, which could force the group to cut output by one-million BPD if prices are to remain stable.

Market analysts thus regard Opec's end-November full ministerial meeting as "especially significant in setting the tone for oil markets next year."

Meanwhile, the newsletter believed that oil markets have been remarkably stable so far this year, due more to non-Opec production problems and unexpectedly strong oil demand than to Opec quota discipline.

"Most analysts believe that Opec was lucky due to a number of non-recurring factors," it went on.

In a related development, PIW reported that representatives of non-Opec producers will gather in Malaysia on the heels of Opec's Geneva talks this week.

The list of participants in Kuala Lumpur on Oct 5-6 is expected to be the same as the May meeting of the non-Opec group in London, including those countries holding observer status.

The group consists of Angola, China, Egypt, Malaysia, Mexico, North Yemen, Oman and USSR, with observers from Colombia, Norway and producing regions of the US and Canada.

Gold gains

Dollar tamed

LONDON, Sept. 26, (Reuters) — The dollar closed below 1.90 West German marks today for the first time since early August after it was repeatedly beaten down by Western central banks.

"The Central Bank intervention is certainly aggressive, and it has been effective because it is being done at a moment when the dollar is already suffering," said David Sawyer, London vice-president of First Chicago's Foreign Exchange Marketing section.

The US currency has been under pressure since the Group of seven industrial nations warned at the weekend that they considered it to be too high.

The dollar closed in London at 1.8885 West German marks and 142.00 Japanese yen after ending Monday at 1.9045 and 142.80.

The weaker dollar nudged gold up to a London close of \$367.75 an ounce after a previous finish of \$367.

Here is how major stock markets outside the United States ended today.

In London, shares were knocked lower after news that Britain's current account deficit widened in August to \$2 billion (\$3.22 billion), far above market expectations.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson later said base interest rates — among the highest in the industrialised world at 14 per cent — would stay up for some time.

The FTSE 100 index closed 23.5 points lower at 2,336.1.

Shares in Frankfurt fell sharply in relatively quiet trade as the market succumbed once again to the interest rate fears which have plagued it for most of the summer.

"This nagging concern that interest rates are going to rise weighed on the market today," one dealer said.

The 30-share Dax index dropped 26.90 points or 1.6 per cent to close at 1,609.03.

In Paris, share prices firmed, supported by active buying on blue chips and Wall Street's firmer trend, dealers said.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Sept. 26, (Reuters) — Shares staged an abrupt turnaround after a weaker opening as strong afternoon buying interest pushed the index back over 1,700. The All-Ordinaries rose 16.1 to 1,703.1.

TOKYO: Share prices charged ahead to end the day at a record closing and traded high in brisk turnover. The Nikkei index soared 484.11 to a record close of 35,448.2.

HONG KONG: Share prices eased in moderately active trading. The Hang Seng index ended 13.29 points lower at 2,725.41.

SINGAPORE: Lack of follow-

through buying in the afternoon coupled with profit-taking caused the stock market to close on a mixed note. The Straits Times industrial index rose 2.08 to 1,387.62.

BOMBAY: Share rebounded from a five-day fall to finish higher on widespread short covering spurred by hopes of a rise in institutional demand. Tata Steel rose 20 to 1,215.

ZURICH: Losses on Wall Street and the weak dollar weighed on the market. The All-Share Swiss performance index dropped 13.0 to 1,821.1.

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Thus all the risks attached to the Japanese equity warrant market are removed.

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The MIM Britannia Guaranteed Nippon Warrant (1994) Fund is to be launched on 2nd October 1989 and the minimum investment will be US\$5,000 or £3,500.

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BUSINESS

Conable calls for preserving environment

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26, (AP): World Bank president Barber B. Conable, in a speech to be delivered today, warned that economic development must be coupled with new efforts to preserve the environment in Third World countries.

"It will be impossible to improve the quality of life... unless we do much to conserve our global environment," Conable said in the speech prepared for the bank's annual meeting. One goal, he said, would be the reduction of carbon monoxide emissions, which contribute to global warming.

Conable also said the Third World, which spends \$200 billion a year on defence, more than its combined expenditure on health and education, must devote fewer resources to the military if it expects to prosper.

"Developing countries on one side, and their arms suppliers and creditors on the other, must adapt to a world where budgets are tight," he said. "In evaluating their military expenditures, governments should be realistic, but they also should remember the human consequences of these choices."

The boards of governors of the two world lending organisations — the 152-nation International Monetary Fund and its sister lending organisation, the World Bank — begin meetings today.

Delegates are expected to discuss a range of topics, from the deterioration of the environment in developing countries, to the Third World's crushing \$1.3 trillion debt burden, to the movement of Poland and Hungary from communism to free-market economies.

Michel Camdessus, managing director of the IMF, is pushing

5-point IFC plan

Bid to support Polish reform

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26, (Reuters): A World Bank agency announced today a five-point plan to help Poland transform its centrally-planned economy onto Western lines and attract foreign banks and expertise to Warsaw.

The International Finance Corporation, the World Bank arm specialising in channelling funds to the private sector, said it would help the Solidarity-led government privatise state industry and set up Western-style financial markets.

"It is a very difficult transition to make," said IFC executive vice-president Sir William Rye. "We have never faced so many challenges in one country at the same time."

The proposals, discussed in detail with Polish Finance Minister Leszek Balcerowicz on Sunday, mark a transition in the West's bid to support Polish reform from broad statements of intent to the beginnings of a concrete plan of action.

The Group of Seven — the United States, Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Canada and Italy — are insisting Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki's government make progress in talks on reform with the International Monetary Fund before granting relief on Warsaw's \$39 billion foreign debt.

They have made it clear the onus for reform must fall on the Poles, insisting that "macro-economic," or broad brush, policies have to be soundly in place to ensure the success of "micro-economic" or detailed reforms of individual sectors.

The IFC is proposing a plan focusing on five points:

■ A detailed programme of investment, particularly joint ventures with Western companies. Five industrial sector projects could total \$300 million if they materialise.

■ Assistance to the government to help Poland privatise its huge state-controlled sector. Warsaw is currently using Western accounting firms to assess the asset value of industries it would like to sell to private shareholders.

■ The creation of new banks in conjunction with Western banks. Rye said two or three had already expressed interest and the IFC had already helped set up a joint venture bank in Hungary with West German and Austrian partners.

■ Technical assistance in the development of capital markets. At the moment, they are so underdeveloped that Polish officials are concerned a privatisation scheme could founder because investors would not be able to sell shares.

■ Setting up an advisory service for Polish companies.

for a doubling of the fund's resources from the current \$120 billion, but is running into resistance from the Great Britain, Saudi Arabia and the United

States, which has veto power over the matter. In his prepared remarks, Conable said military spending was "a sensitive component of the

fiscal problem" that can no longer be neglected, because arms are often a prime source of external debt, accounting for a third or more of the interest owed by some major Third World countries.

As a whole, low income countries spend around 20 per cent of their funds on defence, Conable said, adding that despite cuts in other necessities, "the \$200 billion which the developing world spends annually on the military has largely been protected."

"It is important to place military spending on the same footing as other fiscal decisions, to examine possible tradeoffs more systematically, and to explore ways to bring military spending into better balance with development priorities," he said.

Conable added, "... let us hope that in the changing political climate of the 1990s, resources are increasingly allocated to more productive purposes."

Meanwhile, finance officials of the world's seven strongest economic powers began matching their deeds to their words by driving down the dollar's value in an effort to reduce the US trade deficit.

The greenback tumbled around the world yesterday as the Federal Reserve, Bank of Japan, West German Bundesbank and other central banks intervened with successive bouts of dollar-selling in Tokyo, London and New York currency markets.

The dramatic intervention followed a weekend statement by the Group of Seven industrial countries — the United States, Japan, West Germany, Great Britain, France, Italy and Canada — expressing displeasure

with the dollar's strength and fear that its rise in recent months could blunt improvement in the US trade deficit.

A strong dollar hurts the trade gap by making US goods more expensive on foreign markets, while lowering the price of imports to American consumers.

Economists said the dollar's decline was sparked less by the intervention and more by the fear that the central banks would follow up with changes in interest rates. A rise in Japanese and West German interest rates would make dollar-denominated investments less attractive, as would a decline in US rates.

Officials attending finance meetings in Washington expressed satisfaction with the results of the intervention yesterday.

French Finance Minister Pierre Bérégovoy told reporters it reflected "the reassessment of our common will to co-operate in monetary terms." Bundesbank president Karl Otto Poehl said a decline in the dollar was "appropriate and reasonable" and pronounced yesterday's action by central banks "obviously quite successful."

On other fronts Monday: US Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady pushed for expansion of his Third World debt strategy, announced in March, which has so far produced tentative agreements between creditor banks and Mexico and the Philippines.

"Important progress is being made within the strengthened debt strategy. We must now push ahead to ensure that the benefits of the strategy reach a broad range of countries," Brady told the development committee of the World Bank, which met in preparation for today's meeting.



Right to education

A group of unemployed men shouts anti-government slogans during a protest rally in New Delhi yesterday. About 200 people protested to demand the right to education and the right to work should be included in the list of Fundamental Rights by Indian government. (Reuters wirephoto)

Trade data third worst on record

LONDON, Sept. 26, (Reuters): Britain today notched up its third worst monthly current account deficit — a gap of £2 billion (\$3.22 billion) in August.

The deficit was a fractional improvement over a revised shortfall of £2.2 billion (\$3.54 billion) in July but was much larger than economists had expected.

The pound fell on the news by more than one penny to 3.0625 West German marks, and by almost one cent to \$1.6050 but recovered slightly soon afterwards.

Financial analysts said the deficit in the current account — a balance of payments taking in imports and exports and invisible items such as banking, insurance and tourism — was a blow this month to the Conservative government's hopes that its policy of high interest rates was cooling the economy.

The Central Statistical Office said the deficit on trade alone was £2.3 billion (\$3.7 billion), but this was offset by a surplus of £300 million (\$480 million) on services.

on invisibles.

Britain's worst current account deficit of £2.33 billion (\$3.75 billion) was recorded last October when imports were being sucked in by a credit-fuelled consumer boom.

The CSO said it was impossible to draw any conclusions about the trend of the deficit from the figures for the last two months, adding that interpretation of trade statistics remains clouded by a three-week national dock strike in July.

Imports in August were three per cent lower than in July and exports were down by four per cent. But the CSO said the underlying level of both imports and exports was still rising.

Export figures could still reflect the effects of the strike itself while import data, which have a later cut-off point for recording, could reflect any recovery in trade flows after the strike ended. The CSO said it would release more detailed figures next month.

BAT plans restructuring

LONDON, Sept. 26, (Reuters): BAT industries of Britain said today it planned to sell its fashionable Saks Fifth Avenue and Marshall Field department stores in the United States to help it fight Sir James Goldsmith's hostile takeover bid.

The radical restructuring plan, one London share dealer said, could force Anglo-French financier Goldsmith to raise his £13.5 billion (\$21.7 billion) offer for the tobacco-based conglomerate whose brands include Benson and Hedges, Lucky Strike and Kent cigarettes.

Goldsmith's offer, backed by Australian entrepreneur Kerry Packer and British banker Jacob Rothschild, would if successful be the second largest takeover in world after last year's \$25 billion acquisition of RJR Nabisco by New York-based Kohlberg Kravis Roberts.

BAT, which has operations in 90 countries, said it also planned to sell its interests in the West German Herten department store chain as part of a strategy to concentrate on its core tobacco and financial services businesses.

The proposal is a departure from BAT's stated commitment to diversification and is more in line with Goldsmith's declared intention to unload its non-tobacco interests, such as California-based insurance company Farmers Group which it bought last year.

Tokyo share prices

Nikkei stock average: 3544.82 (+148.11)	
Volume: 900 mil shs	
Yen exchange rate: 142.80	
Name of stock	Change
Advantest Corporation	5000
Ajinomoto	2840
Alpe Electric	1790
Amada	2010
Asahi Chemical Indus.	1280
Asahi Glass	2320
C. Itoh Co.	945
Canon Inc.	1900
Casio Computer	1430
Dai Nippon Printing	2270
Daidichi Seiyaku	3180
Dainippon Pharmaceut.	2890
Daishinku Ltd.	1810
Eisai	2490
Fanuc Ltd.	8000
Fuji Photo Film Co.	4700
Fujitsu Ltd.	1630
Hitachi Credit	2090
Hitachi Koki	1970
Hitachi Ltd.	1590
Hitachi Metal	1560
Honda Motor	1970
Ito-Yokado Co. Ltd.	4760
Kajima Corporation	2090
Kawasaki Heavy Ind.	1050
Kobe Cast Iron Works	1010
Kokusai Elec.	3240
Komatsu Ltd.	1270
Kyocera Corporation	5890
Marui	3500
Matsushita Comm. Ind.	3170
Matsushita Electric	2590
Mazda Motor Corp.	1080
Mitsubishi Corporation	1540
Mitsubishi Estate	2450
Mitsubishi Heavy Ind.	1160
Mitsui Real Estate	2700
Mizuno Corporation	1890
Mochida Pharmaceutical	3910
Mori Seiki Co. Ltd.	4400
NEC Corporation	1880
Nikon Corporation	1520
Nippon Shuppan Co. Ltd.	1940
Nippon Steel Corp.	751
Nippondenso Co. Ltd.	2530
Nisshoku Corporation	1440
Nomura Securities	3330
Okuma Machinery Work	1810
Onward Kashiwama Co.	2250
Orix Corporation	7000
Pioneer Electronic Co.	5370
Renown Look Inc.	2590
Sanyo Electric Co.	960
Secom Co. Ltd.	1750
Shin-Etsu Chemical Co.	1820
Shindengen Electric	1210
Sony Corporation	8810
Sumitomo Elec. Ind.	1580
Sumitomo Metal Ind.	722
Takeda Chemical Ind.	2460
TDK Corporation	5880
Tokyo Marine Fire	2080
Tokyo Elec. Power	5920
Tokyo Electron Ltd.	2550
Toppan Printing	2030
Toray Industries Inc.	991
Toshiba Corporation	1280
Toyota Motor Corp.	2570
Yaskawa Electric Mfg.	1360
UPI adds:	
Banyo Pharm.	1850 up 30
Calpis	1450 dn 10
Canon	1900 up 60
Daiwa House	2740 up 80
Fuji Bank	3580 dn 30
Fuji Elec.	1090 up 20
Fuji Photo	4700 up 14
JAL	17400 up 300
Kajima	2090 up 10
Kirin	1900 unch
Komatsu	1270 up 60
Mitsui Bank	2600 dn 40
Nissan	1590 up 30
Nomura	3330 up 170
Sekisui	2510 up 30
Sharp	1450 up 60
Shiseido	2280 up 160
Taisei	1560 up 20
Yokogawa	1890 up 10

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Bombay prices

BOMBAY Stock Exchange — Closing prices (Rs) as on: Sept. 26, 1989.	
ACC	267
Asia Paint	200
Brooke Bond	88
Bajaj Auto	306.25
Baroda Rayon	725
Bombay Dyeing	126
Century Spinning	2170
Colgate	172.50
BSE Index	722.39
Despak Fort	72.30
E.I. Hosi	30
Eskayel	60
Esar	115
GNFC	23
GSFC	162.50
Grasim	100
G.E. Ship	41.50
Garware Polyester	70.50
Glindia	94.50
Hindococa	130
Hind Lever	99.50
Hindalco	250
Hindmotor	33.75
I.T.C.	70
Indian Organic	50.50
Indrayan	83
Indrol	253.75
J.K. Synthetics	73.50
Laxmi and Toubro	100
Mather PL	130
Mukand	16.35
Master Shri	94
Mahindra	635
Nico	1060
Noel	16.25
Orkay	68
Premier Auto	23
Peico	68
Pfizer	102
Raymond	48
Reliance	102
Sie	48
Siddhanti	77
Std Mills	450
Tata Power	332.50
Tata Chemicals	118
Tisco	125
Telco	101.5
Volta	350
Nat Indes	380.01

(Compiled by Kuwait India International Exchange Co.)

Scandal-hit Ferranti could be broken up

LONDON, Sept. 26, (Reuters): Two British financial groups are discussing a plan to break up the scandal-hit Ferranti defence firm and relaunch parts of it as a new company, financial sources said today.

Ferranti, a major electronics supplier to Britain's Ministry of Defence, is investigating losses of up to £150 million (\$240 million) at a US-based subsidiary stemming from dubious contracts inherited in a 1987 takeover.

The sources said merchant bank Hill Samuel and financial group Murray Johnstone & Co. had started talks on a plan to sell off the group's avionics and naval operations, untouched by the scandal, and relaunch them as a new company.

Defence businesses currently up for sale by Thorn EMI Plc, best known for its music recording operations, could be merged into the new firm, they added.

Thorn EMI confirmed it had been approached by Murray Johnstone and Hill Samuel on a possible deal involving Ferranti.

"We have received an initial approach. We are listening," a Thorn-EMI spokesman told Reuters.

The sources said a merger of Ferranti's healthy operations and Thorn EMI's businesses would create a defence firm with annual turnover of some £700 million (\$1.1 billion).

Ferranti's avionics and naval businesses make some £40 to 50 million (\$60 to 80 million) annual operating profit.

The sources said the plan had the support of institutional shareholders representing some 20 per cent of Ferranti shares. Hill Samuel hoped to send a detailed proposal to the Ferranti board by the end of next week.

A Ferranti spokesman declined to comment, saying the firm was in talks with a number of parties.

Currency rates

KUWAIT, Sept. 26, (Kuna): Following are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait, today.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.29762	0.29877
Sterling	0.47945	0.48160
Dm.	0.15600	0.15670
Sfr.	0.17955	0.18035
F.fr.	0.04605	0.04625
It. lira	0.0002160	0.0002175
Jap. yen	0.002080	0.002095
Bh. dinar	0.78945	0.79270
UAE dh.	0.08100	0.08135
S. riyal	0.07935	0.07970
Q. riyal	0.08170	0.08210
O. riyal	0.77295	0.77630

Exchange rates

Indian rupee	17.940
Sri Lankan rupee	7.540
Pakistani rupee	14.260
Bangladesh taka	9.170
US dollar	298.65
Pound sterling	482.25
Deutsche mark	1568.00
UAE dirham	0.8129
Japanese yen	0.02098

Glimmer of new hope for Third World debt

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26, (Reuters): Leading industrial nations have made it clear there will be no sweeping new solution to the \$1.3 trillion Third World debt crisis but are considering two extra ways to help the very poorest nations.

Calls for a radical new approach from developing countries and discredited commercial bankers have met with a hard-line refusal from the industrial world's policy-makers during the annual international Monetary Fund and World Bank meetings.

The big league debtors of Latin America were told clearly yesterday that the Brady plan, tailored to reduce their debt, would not be reviewed until next May at the earliest.

But Britain yesterday floated the idea of new help for some of the world's poorest nations to reduce the burden of loans from Western governments.

And the World Bank said it was planning to set aside \$100 million to help those nations reduce bank debt.

The Washington talks formally opens today with keynote speeches from World Bank president Barber Conable and fund managing director Michel Camdessus. Both focussed heavily on the plight of the poor and the seven-year debt crisis.

But the hard talking behind closed doors has already taken place over the weekend and was dominated by the industrial world's attempts — so far successful — to beat down the unruly dollar on currency markets.

That caused debtor nations, often the focus of the annual talks, to worry that their problems are being ignored and the strong growth of the industrial world will pass them by.

"Debt cannot be allowed to pass to a secondary level on the

agenda of international finance meetings," Mexican Finance Minister Pedro Aspe told ministers.

Bankers now gathered in Washington and debtors such as Mexico, Brazil and Argentina have been arguing for more flexibility in the Brady plan, which aims to reduce the overall level of outstanding commercial bank debt.

But industrial nations have rebuffed their calls, with US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady — after whom the plan is named — clashing with US bankers on the issue last week and getting a rough ride from European bankers this week.

Alfred Herrhausen, chief executive of West Germany's biggest bank, Deutsche Bank, said yesterday he opposed part of the plan calling for new money from banks, saying, "What the debtor countries certainly don't

need is additional debts."

Onno Ruding, chairman of the IMF's policy-making interim committee, indicated there would be no review of the guidelines under which the Brady plan works until next May.

It has so far only been implemented for Mexico and the Philippines and industrial nations are worried a flurry of new initiatives could delay negotiations with other debtors and raise false expectations.

That leaves little prospect of new initiatives for the big "middle-income" debtors, but the new proposals that emerged for the poorest nations, many in Africa, raised hopes.

"The debt strategy, while it is being strengthened, is still evolving," said Bernard Chidzero, Zimbabwe's finance minister and chairman of the IMF/World Development Committee.

Banks urged to maintain LDC loans

US holding up \$3b for poor countries

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26, (Agencies): International Monetary Fund managing director Michel Camdessus called on commercial banks today to help make a success of the strategy for easing the Third World's massive debt crisis.

In an address to the opening session of the IMF and World Bank annual joint meeting here, Camdessus also warned that continuing budget deficits threaten world economic stability.

Supporting the initiative unveiled in March by US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady to tackle the debt crisis, Camdessus said banks needed to reaffirm a commitment to new lending to less-developed coun-

tries. "The banks should not think that reticence on their part will lead to a larger contribution from the multilateral organisations," he said.

Several large US banks are increasing reserves to protect against losses on the loans, sparking widespread expectations that banks would withdraw from new lending.

Camdessus defended IMF and World Bank loans to debtor countries that help them guarantee repayment, but he warned them against excessive expectations. "Debt reduction is not a cure-all," he said.

He praised Latin American, African and some Eastern European countries for what he

called a "silent revolution" — structural reforms and steps to encourage foreign investment.

He said banks should help consolidate such opportunities, particularly growth-oriented programmes such as Mexico's which led to capital repatriation and increased investment.

"I would like to invite the banking community to join us in working to ensure that all parties gain from the opportunities of the present juncture," he said.

He added that "lending has to be large enough to finance the growth and economic reforms of the debtor countries."

Camdessus said the number of countries in arrears to the fund has declined from 26 in 1987 to 13 now — the lowest since 1983 —

but the amount involved had risen.

In a stern warning to countries like Peru, which has run up \$750 million in arrears to the fund, Camdessus said other members, including some of the poorest, have to bear the increased charges associated with these reserves.

He said some of the 11 countries in arrears more than six months are now co-operating with the fund and praised Canada, Italy and France for organising help for these countries.

The United States has so far refused to pledge \$3 billion it is expected to contribute to loans for the poorest countries of the world, according to World Bank president Barber Conable.

Japanese electronics makers shifting US strategies

NEW YORK, Sept. 26, (UPI): Loath to compete on price alone in the cutthroat US consumer electronics market, Japanese manufacturers are shifting a number of ways they attack the No. 1 export market for their goods.

Through tactics ranging from restructuring sales networks to diversifying product lines, the Japanese — who have some tough new competitors nipping at their heels — are focusing on maintaining their dominance, industry observers said.

An influx of cheaper South Korean and Taiwan-made products — and the growth of aggressive off-price retailers — has sparked a fierce price war that has forced Japanese manufacturers to revamp their strategies for the United States.

"You can buy Taiwanese or South Korean-made VCRs with the basic

Dance

Barn to ballet

Pirouette



Sick building

Beware of your office

UP to half of America's office workers face an invisible but dangerous enemy each day they report for duty.

Armies of disease-bearing microscopic invaders await their unsuspecting targets — be they tycoons or typists — behind walls, inside carpets, above ceilings.

Microbes — which can bring on a panoply of symptoms ranging from itchy eyes to death — often replenish their numbers in ventilation systems of buildings made increasingly airtight and energy efficient in recent years.

Miles of dirty ducts provide prime breeding grounds for bacteria, molds and fungi linked to such disorders as legionnaires' disease, a pneumonia-like illness first made notorious in 1976 when it struck 182 people attending an American legion convention at the Philadelphia Hotel. Twenty-nine died.

Danger can lurk where one least suspects. The copier gives off ozone gas and ammonia. The new synthetic carpet releases formaldehyde and other chemicals. The shampooed rug emits fumes from cleaning solvents. Above the ceiling insulation fibres can break loose and invade the air.

Pesticides, insecticides and detergents aimed at cockroaches can harm people if sprayed at night or during the weekend when the air-conditioning is turned down or off as an energy- and money-saving measure.

Gases like carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and nitrogen dioxide; metals and other inorganic compounds like mercury, chlorine and sulphur; particulates and fibres like asbestos; radioactive pollutants like radon; and volatile organic compounds like benzene and carbon tetrachloride swirl in the recycled air, infiltrating every inch of office space.

Of these potential troublemakers, the only visible one — tobacco smoke — is just a symptom of the problem: the smoke filled the office in the first place because of poor ventilation.

"Risk estimates are not available for most pollutants, but available estimates for radon, environmental tobacco smoke and volatile organic compounds demonstrate that indoor air pollution is among the nation's most important environmental health problems," a recent federal report concluded.

As complaints, lawsuits and scientific data pour in, the so-called sick building syndrome, SBS, is regarded less and less as the imagining of hypochondriacs and more and more as a credible problem deserving attention.

"Office air quality will be one of the big issues of the 1990s," said Brian Axelrad, director of the indoor air division of the Environmental Protection Agency, which in August sent Congress a 2-inch-thick report on the problem.

"Clearly, there is a growing awareness that in some buildings the air is unhealthy and making people sick."

Levels of some pollutants indoors — where Americans spend as much as 90 per cent or more of their time — exceed those outdoors by 200 per cent to 500 per cent, raising "a serious health concern," the EPA noted.

Increasingly, employees complain of being beset during desk-bound hours by stuffy heads, dry, sore throats, coughs, itchy, burning watery eyes, fatigue, nosebleeds, headaches, drowsiness, dizziness, nausea, respiratory problems.

The EPA estimates 3,500 to 6,500 cancer deaths yearly stem from a range of indoor air pollutants. The figures do not include 5,000 to 20,000 lung cancer deaths annually from indoor exposure to radon.

A study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association comparing soldiers in "open" versus energy-efficient barracks concluded that during fly epidemics "indoor airborne-transmitted infections may contribute to thousands of deaths, hundreds of thousands of dis-

abling illnesses and billions of dollars of financial, social and health costs."

Bacteria that cause urinary tract infections — potentially deadly in infants — gastroenteritis and stomach and digestive disorders as well as fungi implicated in allergies, hay fever, asthma, skin, scalp, mouth and genital infections, dermatitis, ringworm and athlete's foot have been detected in surveys of air-handling systems in office buildings.

Spanking-new, shining-clean surfaces often are awash with invisible noxious pollutants, experts warned.

The World Health Organisation estimated one-third of US buildings are "sick," containing areas in which more than 20 per cent of the workers suffer maladies that often disappear upon departure from the premises.

"Our data indicate half of all major buildings are sick," said Gray Robertson, president and founder of Acva Systems Inc. of Fairfax, Virginia — a pioneer in the investigation of indoor air quality that has studied 250 structures occupying 42 million square feet (3.9 million sq.m.).

"In fact, almost every building may at some time experience indoor air quality problems," a 1988 EPA report said.

Ironically, the agency's own headquarters is on the sick building list. EPA workers have complained indoor air contamination with chemical fumes from new carpeting was causing burning eyes, fatigue, dizziness, respiratory problems.

Acva — which has studied, among others, the Supreme Court, the Washington Post and Johns Hopkins University Hospital — found poor ventilation in 64 per cent of the buildings it inspected, inadequate air filtration systems in 57 per cent, excessively dirty air-conditioning ductwork in 38 per cent and moderate to heavy dirt contamination in 32 per cent.

The number of lawsuits against building owners, architects and office supply manufacturers has been steadily increasing since 1987 when Jack Buckley — who claimed formaldehyde fumes in a new office building in Goleta, Calif., caused him to lose consciousness and suffer permanent brain injury — received out-of-court settlement of nearly \$600,000.

Two measures are pending in Congress, including the first piece of indoor air legislation introduced in 1987 by Sen. George Mitchell, D-Maine, that would authorise a national research programme.

The main action appears to be concentrated in the private business sector where a new field called building diagnostics is growing rapidly. Regularly, they uncover a bewildering array of problems in tainted office environments.

Acva — which charges \$3,000 to \$15,000 for inspecting a ventilation system and the quality of air pumped through it — has found rats, mice, birds, snakes and cockroaches in vents.

The emphasis on conserving energy since the 1973 oil embargo has made matters worse. Prior to the crunch, most building heating, ventilating and air-conditioning systems were designed and operated to provide as much as 15 cubic feet (0.42m³) per minute, the EPA noted.

"Problems crop up in new buildings as well as each time you renovate," said Robertson, a chemist, botanist and bacteriologist.

The treatment can be as simple as installing hooded exhaust vents over copiers, reconfiguring office partitions to permit free air flow, cleaning air ducts or replacing air filters.

In the meantime, health officials recommend office workers who suspect their job environment is making them sick should keep an accurate log of their ailments, from the time they occur to how long they last.

Change of role, change of mood for Bruce Willis



Willis: Viet veteran

TORONTO, Sept. 26, (Reuters): Fans of his hit television series "Moonlighting" or his popular movie "Die Hard" will see a subdued Bruce Willis in his latest film, "In Country," in which he plays a depressed American veteran of the Vietnam war.

"People will be surprised at the differences between this character and the ones I've played," Willis, better known for brash roles, told reporters at the Toronto film festival, where "In Country" had its premier this month. "That's one of the drawbacks of working for five years in a TV series. But once you leave, you can find your own level."

His character, Emmett Smith, drifts through jobs, smokes too much and quietly, but firmly, rejects efforts by his niece, Samantha, to understand the war that killed her father.

Based on the book by Bobbie Ann Mason, the film also stars rising British actress Emily Lloyd as Samantha, an 18-year-old girl in a small Kentucky town trying to understand the father she never saw and the war that damaged her uncle and his friends.

Director Norman Jewison, whose films include "Moonstruck" and "A Soldier's Story," said he avoided making a film with any mention of Vietnam for a long time.

"It was a subject I was studiously avoiding. I had demonstrated vociferously against the American involvement in Vietnam," said Jewison, a Canadian who in 1970 took his family from the United States to live in Europe for nine years.

This story attracted him because it dealt with the aftermath of the conflict — the first generation born since the war and the efforts of families and survivors to live with lingering pain.

"We asked the veterans (in Paducah, Kentucky, where the movie was shot) if we could have a memorabilia evening," Jewison recalled.

"These men came from small com-

munities with pictures, letters and mementoes. We got a keg of beer and talked for hours and, perhaps for the first time, things were revealed to their wives and families that they hadn't talked about," he said with tears in his eyes.

Willis, who was 18 in 1973 when the draft was suspended, and never served, pursued his own research into the Vietnam war for years.

"Part of me was trying to address the futility of this war. I didn't know why, but I found myself buying every book and story about Vietnam," he said.

However, once he started to become Emmett, who tries to deny the war has

affected him, his attitude changed.

Movie remake: The offbeat casting of Mickey Rourke and Anthony Hopkins highlights the announcement by Dino De Laurentiis that he will produce a new version of "The Desperate Hours."

Filming will begin on locations in Utah and Colorado Oct. 23 for Warner Bros., which Michael Cimino directing a cast that includes Mimi Rogers, Lindsay Crouse and Kelly Lynch.

"The Desperate Hours" was an acclaimed novel and Broadway play written by Joseph Hayes. It was first brought to the screen in 1955 starring

Humphrey Bogart and Fredrick March.

Foster cast: Jodie Foster will head the cast of "Silence of The Lambs," a psychological suspense thriller for Orion pictures based on the novel by Thomas Harris.

The drama will be directed by Jonathan Demme for producer Ed Saxon and will co-star Anthony Hopkins as a brilliant psychiatrist imprisoned in a ward for the criminally insane.

Foster, who won last year's Academy award for best actress — for her performance in "The Accused" — will be seen as an FBI recruit who plays mind games with the insane doctor.

EVENTS

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Dubai Pharmacy
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Dasman Complex

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Al Kamal Pharmacy
Hawalli, Tunis Street, Al
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Al Razi Street, Property of
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Fahabed and Ahmadi
Bastoor Pharmacy
Fahabed, Al Dabooos Street,
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Jleeb Al Shuyoukh
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Jleeb Al Shuyoukh, Souq
Street, Block 14

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Salniya
Hall Booked
Al Hamra
Arabic film
Drive-In
Arabic film
Al Firdous
Barwara
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Dasta
Fahabed
Arabic film
Al Jahra
Night Eyes
Granada
Arabic film
Salsabikhat
Scalps
Jleeb
The Annihilators

PRAYERS

Fajr	4.20 am
Zuhr	11.39
Asr	3.05 pm
Maghreb	5.39
Isha	6.56

● All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.



Fancy dress competition: Bharathi Kalai Mandram, an association by Tamil community in Kuwait, held a fancy dress competition for children and adults on 22nd September, at the Indian embassy premises. The competition was followed by a "Finance Seminar." Mr. Rangaswamy, managing director of Kuwait India International Exchange Company, delivered a lecture on "How to increase your wealth." Questions on finance and investments were answered by a panel of experts.

TELEVISION PROGRAMME

KTV 1

MORNING

9.00 The opening and Holy Quran
9.15 Sabah Al Khir News and Variety
9.30 Iflah Ya Sim Sim: Children cultural programme
10.15 Mawlood Fi Al Waqt Al Daye: Arabic serial (Part 16)
11.00 Sabah Al Khir News and Variety
11.15 Achlah Wa Mlah: Local daily serial (Part 11)
12.00 Sabah Al Khir News and Variety
12.15 Hwar Wa Nagram: Variety programme, prepared by Qasem Abdul-Qader
1.00 News Summary
1.05 Holy Quran and Closedown

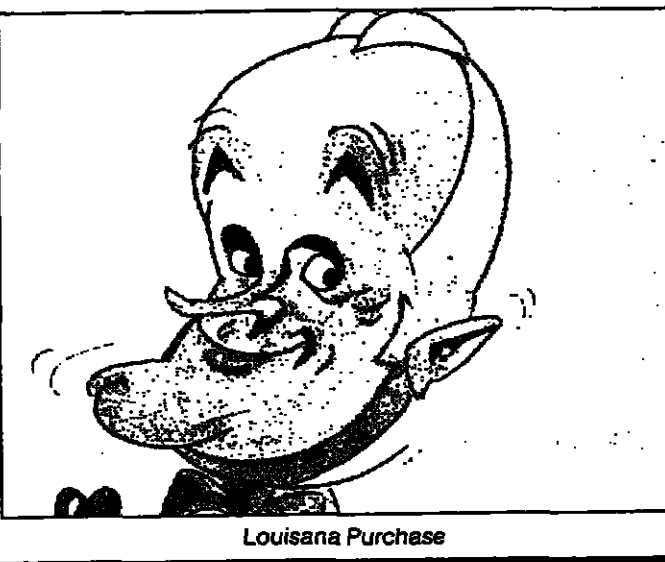
EVENING

4.00 The opening and Holy Quran
4.15 The World Today via Satellite
4.45 Children stories: Cartoon serial
5.15 Cartoons
5.45 Religious Feature
6.15 Nihayat Saif: Arabic serial (Part 10, final)
7.30 Night chemists, airlines and official advertisements
7.45 Special popular variety
8.00 The World About Us: Cultural programme
9.00 Arabic News
9.45 Al Fajh Lil Haqeeqa: Arabic serial (Part 2, Final)
10.30 Al Horob Al Saab: Weekly serial (Final part), Starring Wafiq Al Zaem, Sabah Barakat, Najwa Sudqi and Salem Klas.

12.00 News Summary
12.05 The World Today via Satellite
12.30 Holy Quran and closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Opening announcement & Holy Quran
6.10 Trollkins: A cartoon series for children.
6.30 Scuba World: "Treasure Hunt". Attempts are made to restore precious objects from drawn ships near the coast of America.
7.00 Danger Bay
7.30 Body Matters: "Ear We Go". Ears as an early warning alarm... How sounds enter the ear and how the brain recognises sounds. New devices for the deaf and dumb.
8.00 News in English
8.30 Simon & Simon: "Simon Says Good-bye". Dispute arises between the Simon brothers. Will they be able to settle it down?
9.30 Just for the Record: Smelling sweat for medical purposes... Sailing vehicles race in the Australian desert... A visit is paid to cine stars cemetery.
10.00 Learning the Ropes "Jerry's Mom": Jerry's mother arrives suddenly and turns the house into a mess... Her son as a psychiatrist has to find why
10.30 A Classical Movie Louisiana Purchase: Starring: Bob Hope, Vera Zorina, Dona Drake.
12.00 News in Brief
12.30 Magazine D'Actualite



Louisiana Purchase



Meridian goes West: Cowboy Night at the Kuwait Meridian Hotel... Taste the Texas fare, every Sunday at La Brasserie. No compromise with its salute to the USA. The meal includes live country and Western music, plus decor, costumes and ambience, with more than a touch of the real Wild West!



The Pastry Brigade of Kuwait International Hotel with guests at the Executive Fitness Centre. Christoph is third from left (on fitness bike).

Of sweets and fitness: Keeping fit and eating sweets do seem to misfit. But, at the Kuwait International Hotel, fitness and sweets go hand in hand. After a strenuous workout at the Executive Fitness Centre there can be nothing as exiting as the taste of La Patisserie's creations which have increased in variety since the joining of Brandt Christoph, the new pastry chef. A 23-year-old Christoph is 23 years old and already brings with him several years of experience in addition to having a Master's Degree in confectionery. While in Vienna he was working with the Inter-Continental during which time he catered to banquets for over 3,000 guests. Christoph has served several heads of state in the famous Hofburg which used to be the palace of the Habsburg family. He is particularly interested in pastry items because he believes that there is great potential for being innovative and creative in this area.

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Sat - Wed, 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.
Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts; ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

Tareq Rajab Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sadu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Watercolour Painting
LEARN watercolour painting with Patricia Mills, 8 week courses for Beginners and Advanced for details tel: 5618847.

Pottery and Crafts
Develop your child's creativity in pottery & crafts (8-12 yrs old). Also watercolour painting and jewellery making for adults. For details Tel: 5618847, 5317354, 9 am - 12 noon & 4 - 6.30 pm.

SOCIAL

Navellim Youth Centre
NOV 16: A annual get-together nite with live music from "Stepping Stones and Top-Ranks" having lots more amusements, surprises awaiting at Le Mirage ballroom — Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Contact: Mr Alex — 2426334, Mr Marian — 2416945.

Filcheck logo
THE Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait "Filcheck" announces the start of the search for its club logo. The contest is open to all club members and officers. The artwork must be about 8-10 cm. in height and width. Selection of the winning logo will be based on the following criteria: Creativity and

Originality - 50%. Theme Execution - 30% and Visual Impact 20%. Entries must be submitted at FILCHECK headquarters or Kabayan Restaurant on or before 26 September 1989. The lucky winner will be announced during the opening of Filcheck's first active chess tournament on 29 September 1989. The winner will receive valuable prizes courtesy of Sony Supplying Store. For more details contact Edward 2421868 or 2402405.

Colva Nite
OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ballroom of Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Top Ranks in attendance. For details contact Tel: 2413884/2434776/56291-41/4310913 after 5 pm.

German Speakers Cultural Association
AFTER the summer holidays, the regular coffee morning for German-speaking ladies will start again on Sunday, Oct 1, at 10 am, at the Kuwait International Hotel, Old Failaka Room. Newcomers are particularly welcome.

Breeze 89
Tivim Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel's new ballroom on 26.10.89 at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Highlights include Made For Each Other Contest, a Ball Room Competition and a lot of surprises. For further information please contact Casimiro or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67, after 3.30 pm.

Vienna Boys Choir
The Vienna Boys Choir will be performing again at the Kuwait International Hotel on October 4 with a new repertoire. Tickets are available at the reception. KD8.000 for adults and KD5.000 for children under 12 years. Tel: 2530000/2533000.

Gala
Dec 8: Expatriates Club will hold a gala social for children and adults at the Tent, SAS Hotel. Fifty-five attractive hamper prizes and other gifts will be given away.

Moods & Melody
"Moods & Melody" performs "Geet Maala" — a presentation of pop songs from Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu films — on 12th October 1989 at Indian Arts Circle auditorium, Funaintees, starting in October 89, is for beginners and having intermediate knowledge in colloquial conversation. The registration will start on 16th September, 1989. Those who are interested please contact on telephone Nos. 2413050 Ext. 243, 269; 2455860 Ext 454, 455, 457; 2411383.

Spoken Arabic
The Public Authority for Applied Education and Training is starting to offer spoken-Arabic classes for non-native speakers. The programme, starting in October 89, is for beginners and having intermediate knowledge in colloquial conversation. The registration will start on 16th September, 1989. Those who are interested please contact on telephone Nos. 2413050 Ext. 243, 269; 2455860 Ext 454, 455, 457; 2411383.

Konkani drama
Nov 2, 3: The new GOA presents M. Boyer's "Chintam Zallim Sopanam" at the IAC (Funaintees). Cast includes the Charlie Chapin of Goa "Jacinato Vaz" along with Remy Colaco, Seby Coutinho, Betty Naz and others. Tickets now available. Contact Canary Video (Sharg) or Video Clock (near GPO).

LIL newcomers coffee
Ladies International League (LIL) newcomers' coffee: Interested in joining an international women's group? Come to newcomers coffee on Sunday, Oct 1, at 10 am. Call Mrs Neera at 3914503 or 3916939, from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm for details.

Kuwait Little Theatre — Ahmadi
Auditions for the annual pantomime will take place in the theatre foyer on Oct 8 and 9 at 7.30 pm. Anyone interested in taking part in this production, either on stage or backstage, please come along. All newcomers welcome.

Magic show
NOV 9, 10: Expatriates Club will organise the first magic show in Kuwait. Internationally known Indian magician Marco will perform at the Granada Cinema. Watch out for further details.

Kuwait Players

KUWAIT Players now auditioning for an extremely funny comedy/farce (to be staged in Nov). Auditions at Messilah Beach Hotel Al Foz Room on Saturday Sept 30 from 7.15 pm. Why not give it a whirl? Ring 5625896 for more information.

Overnight picnic

THE IAC is planning an overnight picnic for members to Failaka on October 5th and 6th. Those interested may contact Mohan George at 3904817 after 6.30 pm for enrolment. Or Bilal Varghese for details on 5613908 (R) or 2438011 ext. 274 (O).

An evening with SPOK

THE Samahaning Pilipino Optometrist sa Kuwait (SPOK) will hold their annual get-together party at the Grand Jahra Ballroom of the Meridian Hotel on Friday, October 6, 1989 at 6 pm. The affair entitled "An Evening with SPOK — A Touch of Class" aims to encourage the Filipino community in Kuwait to get themselves acquainted with the Filipino Optometrists and become aware of the various services SPOK can render for their individual optical needs and visual problems. Proceeds of the affair will be donated to charitable institutions in the Philippines.

For particulars, please contact Dr. Rose "chi-chi" Luna, Tel: 2415901/2419285 and Dr. Rosafe Austria, Tel: 2435712.

Kuwait Singers
KUWAIT Singers has just started rehearsals for their seasonal concert. Rehearsals are on Saturdays and Mondays at 7.30 pm at the Gulf English School, Salwa. If you enjoy singing come along and join us. For further information tel. 5384873.

The British Council STORY-TELLING sessions: At the British Council library on Thursday September 28, at 10.30. Children of all nationalities of ages 3-7 are invited. Come and enjoy the magic books with a professional storyteller. No charge for admission but parents are advised to reserve a

place for their children. We look forward to seeing you.

Sheba Sound

SHEBA Sound, a classical quartet of oboes, bassoon and harpsichord, will perform at the Mousetrap Theatre on Oct 14, at 8.00 pm — price KD4; and at Messilah Beach Hotel on Oct 15, where the performance will include a sit-down dinner for KD9, inclusive.

Please ring 5382099 for reservation and look out for posters in Tanagra boutiques who are sponsoring the visit.

Kuwait Kannada Koota
NOV 3: As part of the Nehru Centenary and Karnataka Rajyotsava Day celebrations, the Koota has organised a variety entertainment programme followed by dinner at the Sharq Co-op Auditorium. For entry passes contact tel. nos. 5621922/5650264/5745483/3714089.

Fiesta Teatra
OCT 20: A red letter day for stage play aficionados. The Filipino Cultural Club (FCC), under the chairmanship of Buddy Patungan, proudly represents another unique innovation of theirs, this time, directed by Joey Laurente, the energetic "brains" behind the sensational SISA. Highlighting the intricate interesting life of its central character, Austrian composer, Wolfgang "Amadeus" Mozart. This two hour stage play will hold the same vibrant, all spirited team of the legendary "Fiesta Filipina '89".

Featuring Tokits Matig-A, in his most dramatic role ever, see him play the magnificent figure of "Salieri". At the Al Jahra Ballroom of Le Meridian Hotel, watch the director/choreographer of "Fiesta '89" turn actor himself in "the saga of Amadeus" plus a whole cast of lovely and dashing characters that FCC has in store for you.

Star Nite
DEC 21: Star Nite at Ramada Salam 'Al Dira' with Perfect Strangers music. Children's programme at 5 pm from 2-1/2 years to 12 years. Other programmes start with sumptuous buffet. Fabulous hamper

prizes and variety social entertainment under 555 sponsorship. For reservations contact tel. (res) 5331940 or 2413706 pm only.

Kapilku Night

The Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku) will hold their Kapilku Night on Friday, September 29 in Holiday Inn Hotel at 5.00 pm. This singing contest is open to all Filipinos and the competition is divided into two categories, namely, Bagong Kampeon (regular singing contest) and Sing-Alike. The first three winners in each division will receive valuable prizes from the sponsors. Interested participants are requested to contact VP Sarah Macarimbang the chairperson at 4843447 and Rod Cerezo at 2433595, the co-ordinator.

SPORTS

At the Holiday Inn Health Club and Recreation Centre

SWIMMING lessons available all year round with qualified swimming instructors. Open to non-members. Mon-Tues-Wed 3.30 to 5.30, beginners, improvers, adults mixed keep fit classes, Wed 5-6 Thurs 6-7, Fri 12-1 noon and 1-2 Sat 5-6pm. Ladies keep fit Mon 5-6, Tues 5-6, Fri 5-6 Sun 5.30 - 6.30. Martial arts with black belt instructor Mon-Wed 6, Taekwondo Sat-Mon, 7-8 Thurs 5-6. Bowling alley available for private company and community tournament. Five squash courts. Squash handicap every Sunday start 6 pm — all standards, open to non-members. Squash coaching available from professional coaches everyday, from 1 pm. Massage for men and women. Gym facilities for men and women. Tennis courts — coaching available plus lots more. Phone for further details recreation manager, 4742000 ext 6788 Julie Dent or 6700 recreation.

Ahmadi Kart Racing
PRE-season race meeting on Friday, 29th September. Racing starts at Ahmadi KOC track at 1.30 pm. Spectators welcome.



A sellout

THERE is an extraordinary boys school in Austria which guarantees every one of its students about five years of international fame.

Its students live in a palace, attend classes seven months and globetrot three months a year. The day they join the school they become famous and are in demand in most of the world's capitals. And all this does not cost their parents a penny.

But there is something this select group of boys does that few of their peers do — they sing for at least two hours every day 11 months a year. They are the Vienna Boys Choir.

Twenty-two of the Vienna Boys are now in Kuwait where they gave a concert last night. The concert was a sellout days before it was to take place and the boys and their conductor Georg Stangelberger will return, with a different programme, to give another performance at the Kuwait International Hotel on Oct 4.

Although an exclusive institute — it admits only boys with a beautiful voice irrespective of their social background — it has quite a turnover. The boys are admitted at the age of eight and have to give place to newcomers at the age of 14 when their voices break. But the five or six years they spend there, not only bring them excitement and fame at an early age, but set them on the road to success in their adult life. The director of the institute Dr Walter Tauschnig, once a Vienna choir boy himself, said yesterday that many of the former choir boys are accomplished musicians. But there are lawyers, bankers and doctors as well among the institute's former students. No matter what profession they choose the former choir boys have one thing in common — an extraordinary love of music and musical training.

"We don't guarantee to produce superb singers as that depends on what happens to a voice after puberty. But we do develop our students' musical ability to a very high level," said Tauschnig. (JP).

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ROOM, available for Indian couples or ladies at Keifan, opp. Jamaliya No. 1, Area No. 3, Street No. 31, House No. 6. Contact Sultan, Mohammed personally (10 am - 10 pm).

FARWANIYA, behind Holiday Inn, one room for bachelor, family or working lady to share with an Indian family. Bus routes 21, 22, 34, 101. Tel. 4840950 ext. 268 or 4818382.

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MANGAF, 2 bedroom flat, furnished, CAC for immediate sale. Household items can be sold separately. Tel. 3716894, after 3 pm.

DEEP freezer, fridges, house furniture, TV, shelves and lawnmower for sale. Tel. 5652774. (AT3-49531-3)

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SPORTS

Biggs wants to take on Tyson again

LONDON, Sept. 26, (AP): Tyrell Biggs wants a second crack at Mike Tyson. But Gary Mason is in his way.

Biggs, the 1984 Olympic gold medalist, has arrived in London determined to smooth the way to another showdown with the undisputed world heavyweight champion.

To do that, the American first has to take care of the hard-hitting and unbeaten Mason. Britain's prospective successor to Frank Bruno, at the Royal Albert Hall on Oct. 4.

"I still think I can beat Tyson and I don't see anybody else who can, although George Foreman would have a puncher's chance," said Biggs, topped by Tyson in seven rounds in Oct. 1987. "My preparation for Tyson was all wrong. They adopted high-tech training and it didn't complement my style. They tried to make me win a Mr. Universe title, not a boxing title."

Since then, Biggs has fought only once but also lost, to Italian heavy weight Francesco Damiani, his second setback in 17 fights.

Mason hasn't lost in 31 bouts but that doesn't scare Biggs.

"Mason's record will be better than mine even if I beat him," Biggs said at a news conference yesterday. "He's had twice the fights... but his record could be a bit deceiving. He's only gone the distance once, but he's not going to knock me out. I can assure you."

Onyx don't want Gachot

BRUSSELS, Sept. 26, (Reuters): Belgian Formula One driver Bertrand Gachot is to leave Onyx after all, the motor racing team's owner said yesterday.

Belgian owner Jean-Pierre van Rossum, asked whether Gachot would race for Onyx again, said: "No, not under any circumstances." Van Rossum told Reuters in a telephone interview that Finland's J.J. Lehto, who replaced Gachot in Sunday's Portuguese Grand Prix, would continue to drive the Onyx Ford car until the end of the season.

Gachot was first sacked last Wednesday for criticizing the team, but Van Rossum changed his mind on Friday and said the driver would be dropped for just one race, in Portugal.

Esiason throws three touchdown passes

Bengals hand Browns first loss

CINCINNATI, Sept. 26, (AP): Boomer Esiason threw touchdown passes and Jim Skow led a second-half defensive surge as the Cincinnati Bengals beat the Cleveland Browns 21-14 last night, handing Cleveland its first loss of the season.

Esiason, who had just three touchdown passes in nine previous games against the Browns, matched that output. He had second-quarter scoring tosses of eight and 16 yards to tight end Rodney Holman, then hit James Brooks with a 19-yarder 5:05 into the second half to put the Bengals ahead for good.

But it took two late goal-line stands by the Bengals to win it, the second ending at the 3-yard line with 1:41 left when Eric Thomas knocked down a fourth-down pass.

Skow, meanwhile, was credited with 2 1/2 sacks on Cleveland's first two possessions of the second half, giving Cincinnati good field possession both times. He also dumped Tim Manoa for no gain on a fourth-and-1 at the Bengals' 9 with 7:52 left.

The first time Skow got a sack, the Bengals capitalized, going 49 yards in six plays, capped by the touchdown pass to Brooks from Esiason, who finished with 14 completions in 20 attempts for 104 yards, plus 34 yards rushing on five carries. The second time, Jim Gallery, who later missed a 44-yarder, missed a 48-yard field-goal attempt.

But it didn't matter as the defense almost completely shut down Cleveland, sacking Kossar six times and holding the Browns without a first down in both the first and third quarters.

Kossar, who threw for 163 yards and two touchdowns in the first half, finished with 13 completions in 23 attempts for 203 yards.

It was the 11th straight home win for the Bengals, now tied with the Browns for first in the AFC Central at 2-1. They got 78 yards rushing from rookie Eric Ball, replacing the injured Ikey Woods.

Meanwhile, San Francisco's Joe Montana continues to dominate as pro football's quarterback of the 1980s and the mas-



Esiason: matched his output of nine previous games against Browns

ter of the comeback, but Philadelphia's Randall Cunningham, with a \$3 million-a-year contract, figures to be No. 1 in the 1990s.

Eagles coach Buddy Ryan said yesterday, reviewing the closing minutes loss to the 49ers, he still wouldn't switch Cunningham for "the other guy."

Montana, slowed by injuries in recent years, finally beat the vaunted Eagle defense that sacked him eight times. He had to be perfect to pull it off and he was.

Ryan said Montana, with four Super Bowl appearances, "is probably the best in the League. He's the quarterback of this decade."

However, he placed Cunningham right up with Montana, and beyond, as time goes on.

"I think Randall is the same type of quarterback but he hasn't had as much experience," Ryan said.

Montana, explaining his comeback success, said, "don't make a mistake and hopefully you'll keep the momentum going, it's satisfying as a quarterback (and) you relish being in

those situations. Sometimes they don't turn out as well as others, but that's what the game's all about."

Teammates said the outcome boiled down to just too much Montana.

"He's been there before," said 49ers running back Roger Craig. "He's been to the wars. He knows what it takes."

Ryan said he's looking for Cunningham to ascend to Montana-style perfection in the 1990s.

Montana showed Cunningham Sunday why he is the quarterback of this decade by throwing four fourth-quarter touchdowns to lead the 49ers to a 38-28 victory over Philadelphia.

"I guess they showed us why they're world champions," admitted Ryan who, with the sellout crowd of 66,042, thought Philadelphia had it all sewed up with only eight minutes left and a 11-point lead.

Going home after the game, a disappointed Ryan said "I'm whining and crying and feeling sorry for myself. But then I didn't think we'd go 16-0 anyway, so now I'm not feeling so sorry any

more although it was a tough game to lose."

Cunningham, like Ryan, blamed the loss after the game mainly on the Eagles failure to score touchdowns when they were close to the goal and four times had to settle for field goals.

Cunningham, who didn't have one of his better days, had told reporters the Eagles' low-powered offense may have resulted from the two-conservative selection of plays by the coaching staff, a failed effort to get an Eagle running game going when it just wasn't working.

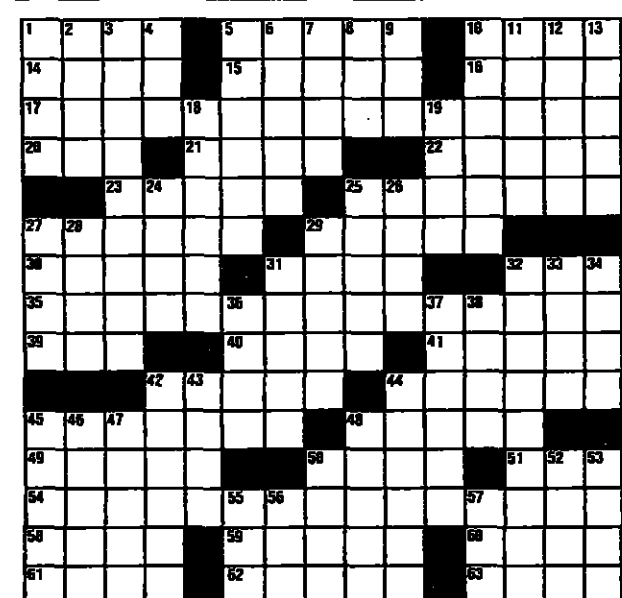
Ryan, while saying Cunningham and he hadn't discussed play selection, insisted "if you are going to win you are going to have to run the football," thus indicating he would stick to his plan to try to gain more on the ground when the Eagles play the unbeaten Chicago Bears next Monday night.

National Football League owners, meanwhile, will try for the second time to find a replacement for retiring commissioner Pete Rozelle when they meet on Oct. 10 in either Chicago or Dallas.

Standings

American Conference						National Conference							
Eastern Division						Eastern Division							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	1	0	.667	88	93	N. Y. Giants	3	0	1.000	86	45	
Indianapolis	1	2	0	.333	54	70	Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667	101	82
Miami	1	2	0	.333	81	77	Phoenix	2	1	0	.667	57	72
New York	1	2	0	.333	88	96	Washington	1	2	0	.333	91	76
New England	1	2	0	.333	40	72	Dallas	0	3	0	.000	28	45
Central Division						Central Division							
Cincinnati	2	1	0	.667	76	41	Chicago	3	0	1.000	102	48	
Cleveland	2	1	0	.667	102	45	Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.667	59	51
Houston	1	2	0	.333	82	112	Green Bay	1	2	0	.333	84	98
Pittsburgh	1	2	0	.333	37	106	Minnesota	1	2	0	.333	59	72
Western Division						Western Division							
Denver	3	0	0	1.000	93	55	Detroit	0	3	0	.000	54	87
Kansas City	1	2	0	.333	30	74	Los A. Rams	3	0	1.000	103	76	
Los Angeles	1	2	0	.333	80	69	San Francisco	3	0	1.000	88	68	
San Diego	1	2	0	.333	62	80	Atlanta	1	2	0	.333	57	65
Seattle	1	2	0	.333	55	58	New Orleans	1	2	0	.333	72	55

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- ACROSS**
- Pueblo Indian
 - Prepared potatoes
 - Caesar namesakes
 - Bring home the bacon
 - Colonizer of New Mexico
 - Author's concern
 - Yaks
 - Swift's "The Tale of a..."
 - Niche occupant
 - Russian co-op
 - As — (from this time on)
 - Russian, to a Russian
 - Apply wrongly
 - Sucker
 - Toastermaster, for short
 - "To — His Own"
 - Opera house feature
 - Blabbed
 - Draft org.
 - "...like — I go to find my town"
 - Shak.
 - Comedians
 - Allen and —
 - hand (abstractly)
 - "O rare, Ben —!"
 - Ratly
 - Meaning
 - Composer
 - Copland
 - Record
 - Carpet feature
 - Linguistic blooper
 - Biographer
 - Leon
 - Elbow
- DOWN**
- Be follower
 - Hawaiian island
 - Nose
 - Daughter of Cadmus
 - Under one's guidance
 - Lyrical Sammy
 - Paris season
 - Society gal
 - 10 American inventor Elmer Ambrose
 - "Out Song Go Out of My Heart"
 - Caught forty winks
 - Sculptured slab
 - Yule tree trim
 - Los Angeles players
 - Energy source
 - Hide
 - Will — wisp
 - Officers' meal
 - Little devils
 - Author Alan
 - One of the Murphys
 - Fare
 - 33 — many words
 - Chinese dynasty
 - Has a little lamb?
 - Unbroken horse
 - Long, long periods
 - Excitement
 - Florence's river
 - Former court figure
 - Picasso prop
 - Nita of silents
 - Helps with the dishes
 - Strainer
 - Arabian sailboat
 - Luminous radiation
 - Hard worker
 - Swift: Abbr.
 - However, briefly
 - Beak

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East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ K 10 9
♥ J 7 6
♦ 8 7 3
♣ 10 8 6 3

EAST
♠ A Q 8 7 4
♥ A Q 4 3
♦ Void
♣ K Q 7 4

SOUTH
♠ J 6 3
♥ 9
♦ A K Q 10 6 4 2
♣ A J

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♦ Pass Pass Dbl
1 NT Pass Pass Dbl
2 ♣ Pass Pass Dbl
3 ♥ Dbl 3 ♣ Dbl
4 ♣ Pass Pass Dbl
4 ♦ Pass Pass Dbl
Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Five of ♠
Like "Wide World of Sports," each week we comb the globe for the unusual. There is not much to the play of today's hand, but it does feature one of our favorite characters, the peripatetic Zia Mahmood

of Pakistan, London, New York and various places in between.

The hand is from a tournament in Toronto and, as you can see from the diagram, the bidding sequence was rather strange, almost surrealist. Sitting South, Zia managed to bid all four suits and no trump—something we have not seen for quite a while. At favorable vulnerability, he was trying to muddy the waters and confuse the opponents, who almost surely could make game once North passed the opening bid.

He scored only a partial success. At four diamonds, doubled, he went down 300 after a spade lead—the defenders took two spade tricks, a spade ruff, a heart and a club. As the cards lie, the opponents can make four hearts with an overtrick by taking the spade finesse, ruffing out the suit and conceding two club tricks.

After a diamond lead, declarer (West or East) ruffs, cashes the ace and king of hearts and takes the spade finesse. Ace of spades and a ruff sets up the suit, and the queen of hearts is still available as an entry to the good spades. But some declarers guessed the hand wrongly to rob Zia of complete success.

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YOUR STARS

<p>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</p> <p>You should do your best not to let the initiative slip from you. Avoid doing anything that is even slightly unseemly. If you do not mean it do not say it. Be sensible.</p>	<p>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</p> <p>You will be able to do something with a financial problem only if you continue to be frugal. Do pay attention to ensuring you do not upset your partner. Avoid trying to get something for nothing. Be less negligent.</p>	<p>Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)</p> <p>You will be able to do something to augment harmony with your partner. An unusual obstacle will be easier to deal with than seemed at first. However do not expect to have everything quite your own way. Be observant.</p>	<p>Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)</p> <p>You will be better able to adapt to circumstances. You should not make sure you do not live in the past. Do not expect more than you are prepared to give in return. Be more alert.</p>
<p>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</p> <p>You have the wind in your sails but must see to it you are heading in the right direction. Make sure you take other people's opinions duly into account. Avoid doing anything anti-social. Be tolerant.</p>	<p>Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)</p> <p>You will succeed in doing something that you have determined upon. However this is conditional to your paying attention to what you are doing. Do not expect to have everything your own way. Be abstinent.</p>	<p>Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)</p> <p>You will encounter an obstacle you had not previously considered. However if you try hard you will be able to deal with it. You should not allow your enthusiasm to run away with you. Be sensible.</p>	<p>Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)</p> <p>You should not be too critical of others and you should be prepared to accept criticism of others and you should be prepared to accept criticism too.</p>
<p>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</p> <p>Do not delay what you know should be done now. Your lucky numbers are 23 and 48. Make sure you keep your objectives well in mind. And keep your wits very much about you. Be objective.</p>	<p>Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)</p> <p>You must have the courage of your conviction. Avoid having negative thoughts as much as possible. Leave yourself with enough time for your personal affairs. Be credible.</p>	<p>Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</p> <p>You will find it easier to do what has to be done. Something you have feared will not happen. Make sure you do not offend a friend of yours. Be realistic.</p>	<p>Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)</p> <p>You should meet a problem head on instead of trying to evade it. A few changes will have to be made but if you think hard they will be for the better. Make sure you take good care of your health. Be reliable.</p>

SPORTS

Pervez takes Kifco to easy victory

KUWAIT International Finance Company (Kifco) thrashed MCC by 114 runs in a Kifco Trophy match at the NC ground on Friday.

Openers Pervez Aslam and Nasir Ahmed provided a sound start of 118 runs for the first-wicket partnership. Pervez Aslam was severe on the MCC bowlers and played a scintillating innings of 90, which contained 8 sixes and 7 fours.

Nasir Ahmed, maintaining his form, went on to score 50. The other Kifco batsmen, taking full advantage of this solid foundation, kept the run-rate going and at the end of allotted 28 overs had scored 234 for seven.

The other contribution came from Aqueel Ashraf who scored 42 quick runs which included 2 sixes and 5 fours. For MCC, Maqbool captured 5 wickets for 45.

MCC faced difficulty right from the beginning of their innings with Shahid claiming the wicket of opener Nasir in his first over and Mansoor Khan bowing out Farhat, which left MCC trailing 39 in 3.

The wickets kept falling at regular intervals as the pace and spin attack of Kifco proved too good for MCC. The only resistance came from Tariq, who scored 55 not out.

At the end of their allotted overs, MCC's score was 120 for 9. The bowling honours were shared by Amin Ahsan 2 for 18, Mansoor Khan 1 for 28, Aqueel 1 for 14, Shahid Butt 1 for 18 and Shehzad 1 for 13.

QMCC sail past PCC in Millat opener

QUAID-e-Millat Cricket Club (QMCC) won the inaugural match of their own Millat Trophy cricket tournament when they beat PCC by 81 runs at the Air-port ground on Friday.

QMCC opted to bat, after winning the toss, and opened their innings through Ashfaq and Pervaiz. The latter batsman was out for only 16 but Ashfaq went on to score 31.

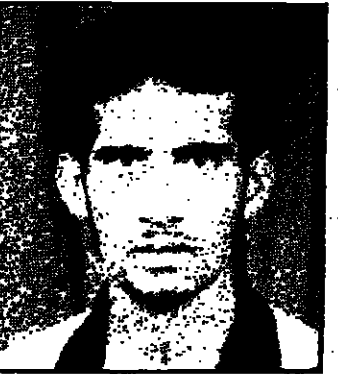
Qamar then hammered 51 runs with the help of a six and two fours and Jawed remained unbeaten on 46 as QMCC reached 213 for the loss of six wickets in the allotted 25 overs.

For PCC, Asghar took two wickets while Arshad, Nawalish and Waheed got one each.

PCC were never able to face the accurate Millat bowling and the whole team was out for 132 with Tariq scoring 34 and Kaiser 28.

For QMCC, Hameed Chacha took five wickets for only 12 runs. He was well supported by Amjad Saeed Malik and Jamil with two wickets each while Ansar took one.

On Friday, PCC will meet Awami in the process.



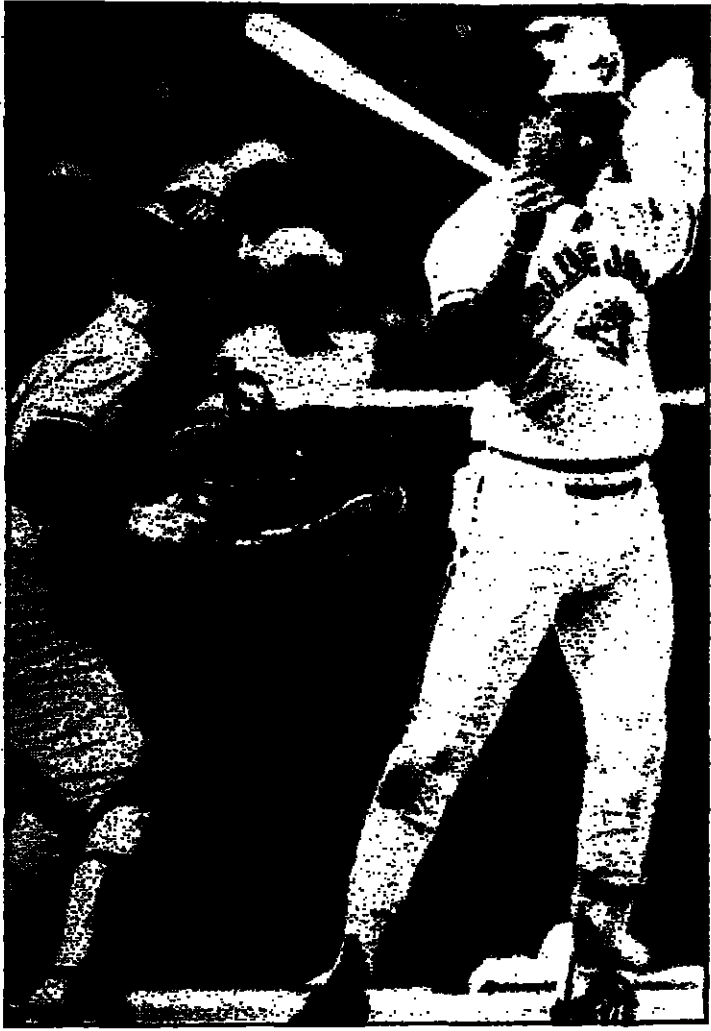
Qamar: hit 51

Royals Trophy

THE second round matches of the "Royals Royals" Trophy, organised by Unity Cricketers, will be played on Friday at the KOC Ahmad cricket grounds. On the New Grounds, in the morning at 0900 am. Unity face Morning Star. Umpires are 1 each from Starlite/Kokan. In the afternoon at 1.10, Kifco meet Union and umpires are from Evershine/Morning Star.

On the Oval, in the morning, Evershine clash with Falcon, umpires 1 each from Union/Kifco. Afternoon game: Starlite against YMCA umpires from Falcon/Unity.

Fernandez hits two-run homer Blue Jays end losing run



Fernandez (right): took his team to victory

NEW YORK, Sept. 26, (AP) The Toronto Blue Jays snapped a two-game skid and maintained their one-game lead in the American League East by defeating Detroit for the ninth consecutive time last night as Tony Fernandez hit a two-run homer in a 2-0 victory over the Tigers.

The Blue Jays retained their slim lead over the Baltimore Orioles, who close out the regular season with three games in Toronto this weekend.

Winner Jimmy Key, 13-14, allowed six hits with nine strikeouts and no walks in seven innings, only the third time in the last 16 games a Toronto starter has won. Tom Henke yielded one hit and struck out three in the final two innings for his 18th save.

Orioles 5, Brewers 3. Baltimore remained on Toronto's heels and assured themselves of a chance to catch the Blue Jays in their showdown series this weekend.

Pete Harnisch won for the first time since Sept. 7, by limiting the Brewers to three hits over 6 1-3 innings before getting relief help from Mark Williamson, who retired the five batters he faced. Rookie Gregg Olson pitched the ninth, giving up one hit, for his 27th save.

Red Sox 7, Yankees 4. Wade Boggs went 4-for-5 for his seventh consecutive 200-hit season and Dwight Evans became the only Major-League with 20 homers in each of the last nine years.

Roger Clemens, 17-10, gave

up three runs and 10 hits in the first four innings but earned the victory with relief help from Rob Murphy in the seventh and Lee Smith in the eighth.

White Sox 10, Twins 2

Ivan Calderon drove in four runs, giving him a career-high 86 for the season. Calderon drove in the game's first run with a grounder in a three-run first inning, added a two-run single in the second and tripled home another in the fourth.

Sammy Sosa and Russ Morann drove in two runs each for the White Sox and Lance Johnson had three hits.

Rangers 3, Athletics 2

Oakland missed a chance to clinch a tie for its second straight AL West title when Texas' Fred Manrique hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning, only the 15th of his 3 1/2-year Major-League career.

Todd Burns took over the pitching duties in the eighth, trying to save Bob Welch's 18th victory. But he issued a leadoff walk to pinch hitter Jack Daugherty and one out later Manrique hit a 1-2 pitch that struck the screen on the left-field foul pole for his fourth homer of the season.

Reds 5, Padres 3

Second baseman Roberto Alomar's bases-loaded error with two outs in the eighth inning allowed the winning run to score as Cincinnati beat San Diego.

The Padres remained five games behind San Francisco with five games remaining.

The Reds rallied off reliever

Greg Harris, 7-9, who started the eighth inning by retiring the first two batters on routine grounders.

Cubs 4, Expos 3

Chicago missed a chance to clinch a tie for the NL East championship, losing to Montreal in 10 innings. But they still managed to reduce their magic number to two games as Pittsburgh beat second-place St. Louis.

St. Louis and Chicago each have five games left and the Cubs have a four-game lead.

The Cubs, who have a magic number of two games, can clinch the division this evening if they beat the Expos and the Cardinals lose to the Pirates.

Pirates 4, Cardinals 2

Barry Bonds hit a two-run homer and Benny Distefano and Mike Lavelle hit consecutive home runs in the second inning as Pittsburgh hurt St. Louis' chances in the NL East.

Jose DeLeon, 16-2, lost for the first time since Aug. 10. DeLeon had won five consecutive decisions.

Results	
American League	
Boston	7
Toronto	2
Chicago	10
Baltimore	5
Texas	3
New York	4
Detroit	0
Minnesota	2
Milwaukee	3
Oakland	2
National League	
Pittsburgh	4
Montreal	4
Philadelphia	2
Atlanta	5
Cincinnati	5
Los Angeles	5
St. Louis	2
Chicago	3
New York	1
Houston	3
San Diego	3
San Francisco	2



Filcheck tournament

The Filcheck chess tournament will start at the Kabayan Restaurant on Friday at 8.30 am. The opening ceremonies will be done at the restaurant before the tournament shifts for the games to another location. Above: Filcheck officials Edward Racaza, president, and Chito Barrios, tournament director, with Maher Abdel Karim (centre), deputy general manager of Adawilah Electronics—distributors of the Kasparov Chess Computers which will be used for the first time in this tournament.

Border steps down

BRISBANE, Australia, Sept. 26, (Reuters): Allan Border has stepped down as captain of Queensland for the 1989/90 Sheffield Shield cricket season because of his extended absences as Australian captain.

Border, who was succeeded as state captain by former Test batsman Greg Ritchie, will be available for only two of Queensland's Shield games in a busy summer of Tests with Pakistan, New Zealand and Sri Lanka.

"Being available for only two Shield games is an intolerable situation, one which isn't really fair on the players or on the

team." Border, recently returned from winning the Ashes in England, told a press conference yesterday.

Border has been state captain since 1983 but never led Queensland to their first ever Shield title.

"I've been playing for Queensland for a long, long time and the search for the Holy Grail (Shield title) is one of the few prizes still left in the game," Border said.

Queensland manager/coach Richie Robinson said Ritchie would be an ideal captain.

Fisa bans Mansell from Spanish GP

PARIS, Sept. 26, (Reuters): Nigel Mansell, involved in a controversial collision with Ayrton Senna during the Portuguese Grand Prix, has been banned from competing in the Spanish round of the Formula One championship on Sunday, the International Motor Sports Federation (Fisa) announced today.

British driver Mansell was fined \$50,000 and received a one-race ban after refusing to stop when flagged down during Sunday's Portuguese race, having illegally reversed his car in the pit lane.

Mansell's team, Ferrari, will be allowed to replace him with a reserve driver, Fisa said in a statement. Mansell was shown the black flag on the Estoril course after 39 laps of a dramatic race finally won by his Ferrari team-mate Gerhard Berger of Austria.

The flag was held out three times after the 45th, 46th and 47th laps, but Mansell drove on, later claiming he had not seen the flag.

On the 48th lap, he tried to overtake the Brazilian world champion on the inside and he and Senna collided as they fought for the racing line on entry to the next corner.

Both drivers were forced out of the race, effectively ending Senna's world championship chances. Senna has 51 points, 24 behind his McLaren teammate Alain Prost of France.

Senna now needs two wins and a second place from the remaining three races of the season, without the Frenchman scoring any more points.

Fisa president Jean-Marie Balestre announced the ban and the \$50,000 fine after Sunday's race but he did not specify which race Mansell would be excluded from.

French radio reported that Ferrari would be appealing against the Fisa decision.

'Americans being cheated'

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26, (AP): The United States finances much of the Olympic movement and in return both American athletes and fans are cheated, says a US economist.

"The funding setup for the Olympics is a travesty," says Robert Z. Lawrence, a senior scholar at the Brookings Institution, an independent research organization normally dealing with economic, social and foreign policy issues far removed from sports.

When it comes to paying costs of the Olympic Summer and Winter Games, "Americans get bilked in three ways," he said, while the rest of the world plays much less than a fair share.

In addition, he said, Americans "have to put up with an excessive number of (television) commercials to see the Games, and our athletes receive little of the money we do pay."

Lawrence and co-author Jeffrey D. Pellegrino, a Brookings researcher, advocated wholesale restructuring of the broadcast charges that now finance much of the Games.

Their recommendations appeared in an unusual cover story in the new fall issue of the Brookings Review.

titled "Fool's gold: how America pays to lose in the Olympics."

For last year's Winter Games in Calgary, Canada, the ABC television network paid a record \$309 million for US television rights—compared to \$5.7 million paid by all of Western Europe and 1.2 million by the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe combined, they said.

"Canada, the host country, with an economy one-tenth the size of ours, paid about one-hundredth of what the United States did—\$3.65 million."

"For the Seoul, Korea, Summer Games a few months later, 'outbidding' the other two US television networks, NBC paid the Olympic organizers \$300 million for the rights to broadcast... Western Europe, with a population 25 per cent larger than that of the United States and an economy about as large, paid just 28 million, or 9 per cent of the US payment," said the Brookings Review.

To meet the huge cost, "unfortunately, the US networks must run an enormous number of commercials to recover their investment, (and) the ads clutter the broadcasts."

Pasco wins twice again

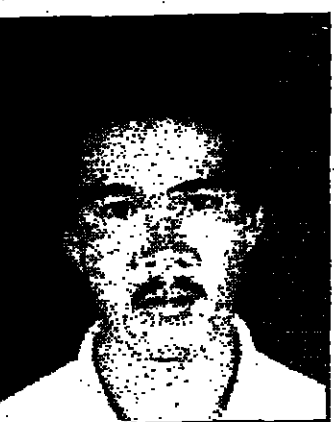
LADISLAW Lyndon J. Pasco once again borrowed a windsurfer and won both the races of the Messilah Beach Windsurfing Club's Autumn Series. He has now won all the races in this series, having taken the earlier two week.

The weather conditions of the day again favoured the lighter sailors, with the wind only at Force 2 to 3 and only a slight sea chop.

Pasco, at 60 kilograms, must be the lightest among the 30 sailors, with his closest rival weighing at least 20 kg more.

In the first race Pasco chased Steve Kelly round the first circuit and eventually passed him with a higher turn at the halfway mark.

In the second race, although in the lead for most of the time, Pasco was pushed hard by Mike



Ladislav Pasco

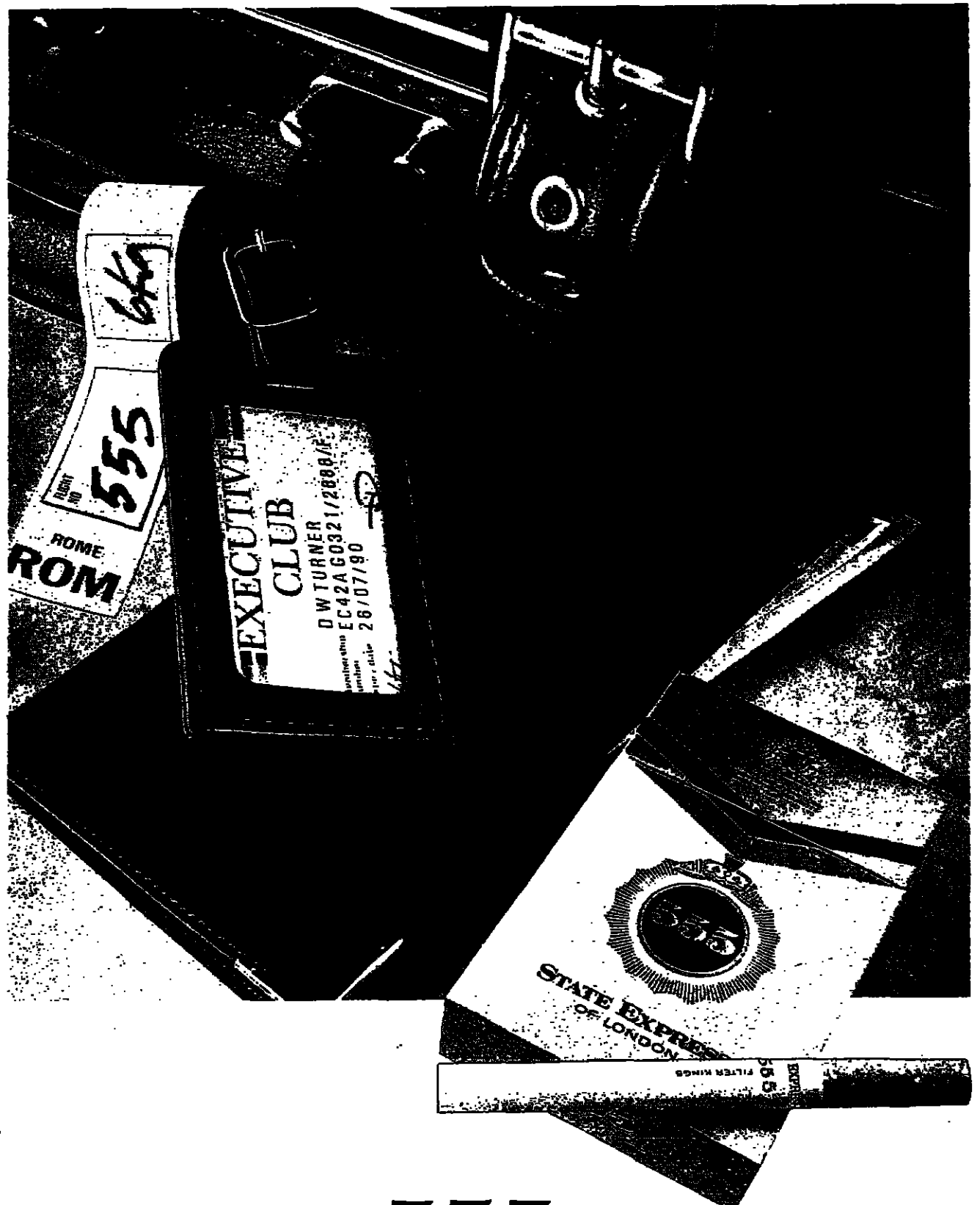
Quinn who stayed on his tail throughout the race to advantage of any mistake that he might make.

The latest positions after the

four races is as follows:

Unlimited Class: 1. Steve Kelly — 5 1/4 points — Mistral Equipe (sponsored by The Sultan Centre); 2. Bob Ward — 13 — Fanatic Ultra Cat; 3. Bob Green — 14 — Mistral Competition. Limited Class (6.5 m² sail): 1. Pasco — 3 — Mistral Competition; 2. Andrew Waters — 10 — Mistral Competition; 3. Stevie Huthinson — 15 — HiFly 3.45. Novices Class: 1. Tony Walker — 6 1/4 — Fanatic Viper; 2. Andre Lindren — 12 — Fanatic Viper; 3. Dave Peckham — 13 1/4 — F2 Comet.

The next race will be held on Oct 13 and the one after that on Nov 3 (final). Anyone who wants to start racing with the Messilah Beach Windsurfing Club should contact Bob Green, Tel 4896000 ext 3943.



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SPORTS

Norman may miss Australia's richest event

MELBOURNE, Australia, Sept. 26. (AP): Greg Norman of Australia is likely to miss his country's golf richest tournament in a dispute over appearance money.

The promoters of the \$800,000 Johnny Walker Classic said today that Norman's agents were demanding an appearance fee in excess of the first prize for him to appear in the tournament, which will be played at Royal Melbourne from December 7-10.

According to Bart Collins, spokesman for the International Management Group, which represents Norman, American Curtis Strange and Briton Nick Faldo, Johnny Walker Classic promoter David Inglis had offered appearance money to all three, but all three will miss the tournament.

Tournament spokesman Greg Smith said Norman had been offered \$105,000 to play in the classic, "but apparently that's

substantially short of what IMG wants."

"They want us to pay Norman more than what the winner will get, but we believe a golf tournament should be bigger than any individual."

The classic offers a first prize of \$136,000.

IMG golf co-ordinator Collins refused to discuss how much money Norman received to play golf tournaments in Australia or anywhere else in the world.

"But if you added up his appearance fees over the past 12 months, with the exception of two events involving long-term deals, you'd find he was ready to play in the classic for \$30,000 less than he usually receives," he said.

Norman recently regained his world number one ranking.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Suicide driving

MILAN, Italy, Sept. 26. (Reuters): An angry Ayrton Senna has accused Nigel Mansell of 'suicide driving' before they collided during Sunday's Portuguese Grand Prix. He said that he (Senna) "could have ended up dead."

World boxing

MOSCOW, Sept. 26. (AP): Nurmagomed Shanzayov of the Soviet Union overcame a weak first round to beat Terry McGroom of the United States today and advance to the medal rounds of the World Amateur Boxing Championships. Shanzayov will now compete in the semifinals, and is assured of a bronze medal.

Dunhill Cup

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland, Sept. 26. (AP): South Korea and Italy each scored 3-0 victories today and gained the last two spots in the field for the Dunhill Cup. The tournament begins Thursday on the old course with three-man teams from 16 nations competing in medal-match play.

Bordeaux GP

BORDEAUX, France, Sept. 26. (Reuters): Spain's Sanchez brothers experienced mixed fortunes at the \$255,000 Bordeaux Tennis Grand Prix yesterday, with second seed Emilio struggling through and sixth seed Javier crashing out.

Jockey suspended

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J., Sept. 26. (Reuters): Jockey Julie Krone was suspended for 15 days and fined \$500 yesterday by the Meadowlands race track stewards for an altercation she had with another jockey on Saturday.

Soviets lose

KIEV, USSR, Sept. 26. (AP): Troy Neel of Texas hit his second home run in as many games to lead a team of Eastern League All Stars to a 20-0 romp over the Soviet national baseball team today.

Faldo quits

LONDON, Sept. 26. (Reuters): US Masters champion Nick Faldo, a member of Europe's successful Ryder Cup team, has pulled out of England's captain of this week's \$1.3 million Dunhill Cup.

Little damage

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina, Sept. 26. (AP): The Harbour Town Golf Links, where next month the \$2.5 million Nabisco championships will be played, suffered little damage from hurricane Hugo, an official said Monday.

Top player

BRIGHTON, England, Sept. 26. (UPI): World number one women's tennis player Steffi Graf is to defend her Midland Bank title in Brighton, Oct. 23-29th.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Westminster System-17 game at the Regency premises on Sunday evening:

1. Sherita Bayoumi & Ahmed Hneidi
 2. Nahil Akel & Narendra Shah
 3. Bianca Moussali & Adel Bayoumi
- Messiah Beach Hotel will be starting another ladies bridge club, with games every Saturday at 9:00 am, beginning on Saturday, Sept. 30.
- Results of the Messiah Ladies Bridge Club game held on Monday morning:
1. Nahil Akel & Lolli Murtwhaite
 2. Hala Khouri & Nadia Drabi
 3. Rima Ayyad & Ghofran Mikhail

Zivojinovic holds on to overcome Lavalie

Van Rensburg tames Sampras

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 26. (AP): Slobodan Zivojinovic of Yugoslavia fought off a Davis Cupper, Leonardo Lavalie of Mexico 7-5, 7-6 in the first round of the \$415,000 Volvo of San Francisco tennis tournament yesterday.

The 6-foot-6 Zivojinovic fell behind 5-1 in the second set tie-breaker but reduced his errors and forced Lavalie into numerous mistakes to eke out the set 8-6.

Then Zivojinovic, seeded 8th and ranked 42nd, spent the next 90 minutes on the message table.

"After Wimbledon I had terrible arm and elbow problems," he said, "nerves and tendons, two-and-a-half months of injuries. I had no strength. But I'm back now and I'll be at the top of my game for the Australian Open."

Admittedly not serving at the level he did last year when he won the Sydney indoors, scoring 60 aces in five matches in the process, Zivojinovic nevertheless said that if he plays well there is no tournament he can't win.

"And this surface (indoor carpet) is very good for my game."

In other matches, Todd Witsken of Carmel, Ind., who stopped Brad Gilbert's win streak at the US Open, defeated former Stanford No. 1 Jeff Tarango, 6-4, 7-6.

Other players advancing to the second round were Paul Chamberlin of Manhattan Beach, Calif., and Kelly Evernden of



Zivojinovic: had a tough time

New Zealand. Chamberlin defeated Joey Rive of Ft. Lauderdale, 6-4, 6-3, and Evernden beat Paul Annacone of Knoxville, Tenn., 6-4, 7-6.

Witsken, who ranks 50th, had his best results on the tour in doubles until he upset Gilbert, of Piedmont, Calif., in the US

Open's first round. He ended a 17-match win streak that had made the 7th ranked Gilbert a darkhorse favourite to win his first major title.

In a late evening match, sixth-seeded Christo van Rensburg hung on to defeat Pete Sampras 6-4, 6-4.

Up 5-1 in the final set, Van Rensburg proceeded to lose the next three games but pulled out for the win.

"What really helped me was being last week in the same situation," he said of a first-round loss in Los Angeles. "If I had won, I probably would have lost to tonight. But I practiced these last two weeks really hard. He was hitting the ball right on the line."

Evernden had four backhand winners in the second set tiebreaker.

"It's been my best shot and I'm lucky that Paul came in on it," he said. "Right now I've been working on my fitness, doing a lot of running. My matches have been very solid except in the Grand Slams. But I've been consistently hitting on every point and coming out a winner."

Milan face easy Cup task

LONDON, Sept. 26. (Reuters): Milan's rival soccer clubs, high among the leading trophy contenders, face tasks of contrasting size in European Cup first round second leg action tomorrow.

Holders AC Milan trounced HJK Helsinki 4-0 in the first leg and, despite the continued absence of Dutch stars Ruud Gullit and Marco van Basten, decided to rest other top internationals for the second leg in Finland.

Internazionale, who succeeded AC as Italian champions last season have a tougher job in prospect as they seek to overturn a 1-0 deficit against Sweden's 1979 European Cup finalists Malmö.

Real Madrid, PSV Eindhoven and Steaua Bucharest — all former holders of Europe's premier club trophy — have already taken large strides towards the second round with clearcut first-leg victories over modest opposition.

Bayern Munich, winners three times in the 1970s, appear to have done the hard work by beating free-spending Glasgow Rangers 3-1 in Scotland and can also face the return with confidence.

Marseille's multi-million-franc outfit of internationals have little to fear from their journey to Brondby in Denmark, 3-0 up after the first leg and fuelled by a 4-0 weekend victory over Toulon which lifted them to second in the French League.

AC Milan need have few qualms about their survival in Finland even though HJK Helsinki have won all their four European Cup home ties this decade, including past holders Liverpool and Porto among their victims in the Finnish capital.

HJK manager Jyrki Heliskoski accepts progress to the second round is beyond his team.

AC will be far from full strength. Gullit, Van Basten and winger Roberto Donadoni are ruled out by injury again, while midfielder Carlo Ancelotti and defender Paolo Maldini have been left at home to rest.

AC conceded a soft goal, which cost them victory against Fiorentina on Sunday, and manager Arrigo Sacchi fears his newcomers may be overawed by the reputations of the stars they replace.

"The lads should realise they must not surrender. They are champions of Europe and should face all opponents with humility but also with calm," he said.

Inter, confidence boosted by Sunday's 1-0 win over Ascoli, aim to hit visitors Malmö with all-out attack.

"We must attack from the start because I'm convinced Malmö can't stand up to that sort of game," said striker Juergen Klinsmann, who lines up for Inter with fellow-West Germans Lothar Matthäus and Andreas Brehme.

Marseille may field their compatriot Karlheinz Foster, a former World Cup central defender, for the first time this season following an operation on a groin injury in July.

PSV, 1988 European Cup champions, defend a 3-0 first-leg advantage in Lucerne buoyed by a 9-1 trouncing of Sparta Rotterdam which took their Dutch League tally to 28 goals from seven matches. Central defender Adrik Koot was their only injury doubt.

Real Madrid, who won the last of their six European Cup titles in 1966, entertain Sparta Luxembourg 3-0 up after the first leg — a performance their British manager John Toshack said was "best forgotten" — while 1986 victors Steaua take a four-goal cushion to Iceland's Fram Reykjavik.

Rangers, who slumped 3-1 against Bayern at home, face the return in Munich with top two goalkeepers Chris Woods and Bonny Ginzburg both injured and 19-year-old Colin Scott standing by for a possible debut.

But they have not given up hope of rescuing the tie. "Bayern were made to look a better side than they really are in the first leg. Last season they lost 2-0 to Inter Milan at home before winning 3-1 in Italy, so the tie is not over," assistant manager Walter Smith said.

In the Cup-Winners' Cup, holders Barcelona battle to avoid elimination in Poland against Legia Warsaw, having drawn the first leg 1-1. Dutch defender Ronald Koeman, who gave Barcelona a lifeline with an 85th-minute penalty, was a target again from the spot at the weekend in a 2-0 League win over Castellon.



Fleitah quits soccer due to injury

Hmoud Fleitah, a top Kuwait national team soccer player, retired from the game on Monday evening after a friendly match between Kuwait and Egypt. The match, which was played in a friendly spirit, ended in a goalless draw.

The 29-year-old Fleitah was forced to quit the game due to a nagging ankle injury. He played over 80 matches for Kuwait during his long stint with the national team.

Fleitah started playing club matches when he joined Kazima in 1973 but started playing matches with the senior team from 1978 and was



soon playing for the Kuwait squad as a midfielder.

Fleitah has a diploma from the Teachers Institute and works as a physical education teacher with one of the elementary schools for boys.

Fleitah hopes to remain connected with the game through his club and the Kuwait Football Association.

Above left: Fleitah (right) exchanges pennants with the visiting team captain before the start of the match. Right: Fleitah being gartanded by a small girl.

Peace and Friendship Games

Al Saquer extends help to organisers

KUWAIT's deputy director-general of the General Administration for Civil Aviation, Yacoub Al Saquer said yesterday that the civil aviation and airport authorities will extend all help and support to contribute to the success of the Peace and Friendship Games, to be hosted by Kuwait from Oct 30 to Nov 12.

In a meeting held between members of the organising committee of the Games and Al Saquer yesterday, steps to simplify the customs procedures and arrangements to welcome the participating teams were discussed.

Al Saquer stressed that the civil aviation authorities will do their best to facilitate the arrival of the visiting teams and delegates. A joint committee of the organising committee and the public relations department of the civil aviation, was formed to prepare for the reception of the participating teams and

Kuwait's guests.

The committee is entitled to take all necessary measures and decisions that would simplify procedures and customs measures for the participating teams.

Meanwhile, a Ministry of Communications team of maintenance officials yesterday paid an inspection visit to the press centre at the organising committee's premises. They inspected all the installed equipments and agreed to solve any problem relating to the centre. They also agreed to remain in continuous contact with the press centre in order to quickly remedy any problem or technical breakdown.

The organising committee on its part decided yesterday to start hoisting the decoration flags and flags of the participating countries on all sports clubs and on stadiums where the Games will be played as from Oct 20, 10 days before the start of the games.



Yacoub Al Saquer

The committee also decided to send all posters and other slogans of the Games to schools, establishments and sports authorities.

The organising committee also discussed many issues relating to the Games. It decided to hold an internal training camp for all Kuwait teams taking part in the championship. They are the national teams of football, volleyball, basketball, handball and athletics. The committee agreed that teams of each game should stay at one hotel. It also decided to invite the private and public companies to contribute to the success of the championship.

US to meet Greece

TOKYO, Sept. 26. (AP): The top-seeded United States meets Greece and defending champion Czechoslovakia, the No. 3 seed, plays Belgium in the first round of the Federation Cup women's tennis tournament, which opens Sunday among 40 nations.

The US-Greece and Czechoslovakia-Belgium matches actually won't come until Oct 3 in the women's version of the Davis Cup tournament, the organisers said yesterday.

The eight-day tournament will be played on the hard courts of Ariake Colosseum.

The four-member US team includes Martina Navratilova, ranked second in the world, Chris Evert, No. 5, Pam Shriver, No. 9, and Zina Garrison, No. 6, the organisers said.

Helena Sukova, No. 8, leads the Czechoslovak team. The top Greek player is Angeliki Kanellopoulou, No. 77, and Sandra Wasserman, No. 54, leads the Belgian team.

In another first-round match, second-seeded Spain, led by Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, No. 4, faces France, led by Nathalie Tauziat, No. 22.

ANC calls for fight boycott

LEWISTON, Maine, Sept. 26. (AP): A leader of the African National Congress, the South African anti-apartheid guerrilla movement, is calling for a boycott of Thursday's scheduled boxing match between a native white South African and an American black.

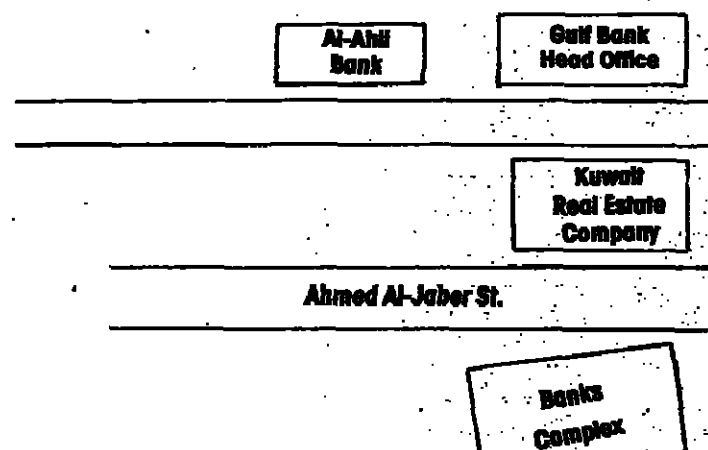
Santi Thobajane, chairman of an ANC student organisation, joins the NAACP's Maine chapter, the Maine Project on Southern Africa, the Maine Rainbow Coalition and other groups that are boycotting the World Boxing Association junior light-weight fight.

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